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## Buyer negotiating for Bilak portion of Plaza

By J.R. Deaton  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — In another twist of the seemingly never-ending El Cerrito Plaza story, it appears that the southern half of the yet-to-be-reconstructed shopping center may have new owners within the next few weeks.

Since last week, rumors have been circulating in the Plaza business community that Milton Bilak, El Cerrito Plaza Co. president, is negotiating to sell his part of the Plaza, essentially the southern half of the center.

"The only thing that I can tell you right now is that we are under contract to sell the property to Regency Realty Corporation," said Dorian Bilak, vice president of the El Cerrito Plaza Co. Bilak said the sale will not be firm-up "for a couple of weeks," but added that he expects the sale to go through.

"They'll be able to walk away for the next couple of weeks, but they're looking seriously at the property — and that's where we are," Bilak said.

"Regency has very definitely given us the impression that they intend to follow

through on the purchase and as long as things stay the way they are, it's our intention to sell to them," he said.

"For us to be able to begin the project, without missing the deadline for the storm-drain work that needs to be done, there's a question about whether or not we would be able to have financing in place so that we could complete the storm drain work this year," Bilak said when asked why Bilak Investments is trying to sell its interest in the Plaza.

"For us to continue forward, it conceivably could be another year delay to

the project and we don't want to see that happen — Regency would definitely be able to make that deadline," Bilak added.

"Negotiations are in progress," said Councilman Larry Damon when asked about the possible sale.

"There is substance to it," Damon added and said he thinks there is a 90 percent chance that Bilak Investments will sell its interest in the Plaza. Damon described the potential buyer as a "very big and very-well respected organization."

On the Internet, Regency Realty Corp.,

headquartered in Jacksonville, Fla., is said to operate "as a fully integrated real estate company; a qualified real estate investment trust that is both self-administered and self-managed."

The company operates 216 properties in 21 states, accounting for about 25 million square feet of retail space. It has California offices in Irvine, San Diego and Walnut Creek.

Bilak, Damon and others said that they do not think the sale, if it occurs,

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CHRIS TREADWAY/STAFF

STUDENTS CLEAN and put in new plantings along the main walkway into El Cerrito High School.

## A day to do good and feel good

By Chris Treadway  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — It was only fitting that Mother Nature gave volunteers a break Saturday at the city's annual Earth Day observance.

The weather threatened, but the week-end rains held off as community members put public areas all around town a little more in harmony with nature.

From creeks at the north and south ends of town, to school grounds, to parks, to the Ohlone Greenway, volunteers took pride in where they live by participating in what one resident described as "the best community event of the year." Trash was cleared, mulch and wood chips were

spread, existing plants were given room to grow and new plants were put in place.

At the south end, the number of volunteers working on the Greenway under the BART tracks by El Cerrito Plaza was bolstered by a troop of Albany Cub Scouts, who pitched in to pick up trash as well as enjoy the wonder of plants, birds and other discoveries Cub Scouts are wont to find.

Site supervisor Lori Dair, chairwoman of the Sustainable El Cerrito, said she was happy with the turnout, but added that the morning's uncertain weather might have kept a few volunteers away.

Dair said she hoped the effort would encourage more participation in the regular work parties Sustainable EC holds along the Greenway and make it a cleaner, safer and inviting place for everyone to go. Nearby, volunteers were clearing refuse from forks of Cerrito Creek.

Creeks were undeniably a focus of the event. At the north end of town the emphasis was Baxter Creek, which has all but become a cause celebre.

At the area of the creek near the BART tracks, one could find Friends of Baxter Creek co-founders Lisa Viani and Maryann Aberg, as well as City Councilwoman Kathie Perka and county Supervisor John Gioia. But as activist and resident Peter Loubal pointed out, the unsung people were the ones back up the hillside and working on a lesser-seen part of the creek.

At elementary schools, it was an opportunity for parents to teach their children a valuable lesson about taking ownership and responsibility for the grounds they use and take for granted each week-day — and maybe learn about its part in the grander scheme of things.

At the high school, a decent turnout of students showed their pride in their school with the support of parents and younger siblings.

Parks likewise were given attention they might not have gotten the rest of the year.

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CHRIS TREADWAY/STAFF

CUB SCOUTS from Albany pick up trash along the Ohlone Greenway.

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CHRIS TREADWAY/STAFF

AMONG THOSE at Baxter Creek were Stege Sanitary District Director Bea O'Keefe (left), county Supervisor John Gioia and City Councilwoman Kathie Perka.

## UC will spare some older Village housing

By Kate Darby Rauch  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — After months of student demands, UC Berkeley has decided to leave more than 400 units of older housing as a low-rent option at its family housing complex, University Village, currently undergoing an \$80 million renovation.

The university had planned to demolish all of the 920 units at the San Pablo Avenue facility and replace them with fancy townhouses, which are in the process of being built.

Older apartments rent from about \$420 to \$620 per month, depending on the number of bedrooms; new units are going for \$990 to \$1,175.

But the university this week said it plans to leave around 412 units of 1960s-era housing, called Section B, for at least a few years. It also plans to conduct a "life cycle" study of the buildings to as-

sess the costs of keeping them around longer.

Older units at the complex, built in the 1940s to house World War II workers, will still be demolished.

"Everybody considers it a really big victory, nothing has happened until we've made a fuss," said Jena Haux, a resident of the village and the wife of an environmental policy graduate student.

"The problem is we haven't gotten anything official in writing yet, I'm always apprehensive," said Haux.

The change of heart came after months of student protests and involvement in trying to convince the university to keep the Section B housing, including pushing for the life cycle study.

But UC officials downplayed the role it protests played in the decision, saying it

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## Albany backs county transit tax measure

By James Carter  
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — Supporters of Measure B, a one-half cent sales tax used to pay for a variety of transportation-related projects, won unanimous support from the City Council on Monday for a revised spending plan tentatively slated to go to voters for approval in November.

Levied by voters in 1986, Measure B has funded transportation improvements, including \$2.5 million in local street repairs, support for AC Transit and paratransit, and other projects, according to Christine Monson, executive director of the Alameda County Transportation Authority.

A plan to maintain the half-cent sales tax beyond its expiration date in 2002 went down to defeat last year when the

Sierra Club and other organizations opposed a revised spending plan they said put too much emphasis on highways and not enough on public transportation.

Monson said this new proposal has won the support of the Sierra Club and other past opponents, adding that, if passed, the measure will do much to improve public transportation for seniors and others and maintain highways and other transportation systems.

Joanna Ok-Yone Selby, who is on the Alameda County Advisory Commission on Aging, said many seniors live in Albany and urged the council to support the measure wholeheartedly. She was joined by others who said efforts to keep the tax on the books will require approval

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## Stop signs will get trial at Del Norte area intersection

By J.R. Deaton  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — After years of complaints and requests, as well as two neighborhood petitions, the Key Boulevard/Knott Avenue intersection near the Del Norte BART station will become a four-way stop. At least for a 90-day test period.

At its April 3 meeting, the City Council overruled advice from traffic engineer consultants who said that Key Boulevard, where it intersects with Knott Avenue, does not warrant the stop signs.

Currently, there are stop signs on Knott Avenue at its Key Boulevard intersection, but Key is not controlled.

A staff report prepared by Bruce King, the city's Maintenance and Engineering Services Manager, and Community Development Manager Gerald Raycraft, notes that the issue of a four-way stop at Key and Knott has been discussed since 1991.

"The intersection has been the subject of several professional traffic studies and evaluations," the report states, "all of which have recommended against making the intersection a multi-way stop in all directions."

Traffic engineering studies, however, have twice recommended installation of red curb on the west and east sides of Key Boulevard, south of Knott Avenue, "to improve the impaired sight distance problem at this intersection," the report notes.

A petition signed by 72 area households named the Del Norte Neighborhood Coalition asked the council to approve stop signs to make the intersection a four-way stop. Several of the petitioners spoke at the meeting and urged the change, saying that the current traffic sit-

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## WORTH CHECKING OUT

## Aroner speaks here

Assemblywoman Dion Aroner will present a legislative update at the meeting of the El Cerrito Democratic Club on Tuesday, April 25, 7:30 p.m., at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave. Everyone is invited to come and bring questions about issues important to them. For information call Betty Brown, 524-6071.

## Y Wine &amp; Food Tasting

The Albany YMCA eighth annual Wine & Food Tasting and Silent Auction will be held April 29, 4-7 p.m., at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. in Albany. All proceeds from the event benefit adult and youth scholarship fund. Come and

taste a wide variety of premium California wines and delicious foods from popular local restaurants. Child care is available. Tickets available for \$25, at the door \$30. Call 525-1130 for more information.

## Art group's spring show

The El Cerrito Art Association's 24th Spring Show will be held April 28-30 at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Categories in the open, non-juried exhibit include: oil & acrylics, watercolor, collage, graphics, pastel and mixed media, sculpture, and photography in color and black and white. Asian art style. Entry fees are \$5 per work for members, \$8 per work for

non-members. Deadline for entries is April 17. Entry forms with more details are available at the El Cerrito Community Center 7007 Mooser Lane. Open Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30.

## 'Beethoven Enneagram'

'The Beethoven Enneagram—The Nine Enneagram Personality Types as Heard in the Beethoven Piano Sonatas' will be performed by its composer, Elizabeth Wagle, on Friday, April 28, 8 p.m., at the Unitarian/Universalist Church, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Guest pianist is Jacqueline Divenyi. Tickets: \$10 and \$7 at the door. Details: Arlene Dimmick, 510 524-3664.

## Police: parked car was stolen

## POLICE REPORT

**EL CERRITO** — On April 17 at about noon, Officer Jose G. Barretto noticed a vehicle parked facing the wrong way in the 6900 block of Lincoln Avenue. A routine check of the license plate attached to the vehicle, a 1986 Toyota Camry four-door sedan, revealed the vehicle had been recently reported stolen to the Hayward Police Department.

Barretto kept the vehicle under surveillance until a person walked up to the vehicle and drove it away. The suspect, identified by police as Yusuf A. Mohammed, 41, was stopped in the 500 block of Everett Street and arrested on suspicion of possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

■ During the late night or early morning of March 29 or 30, a car parked at a repair shop on the 10100 block of San Pablo Avenue was burglarized, police say. The thief ripped apart the dashboard of the automobile and stole a stereo valued at \$400.

■ On the 5600 block of Barrett Avenue sometime during the late night or early morning of March 29

or 30, authorities report that a thief entered a 1993 Honda, pocketed a telephone stored in the glove box, popped open the trunk and took merchandise valued at \$765.

■ An unknown suspect snatched a purse stashed beneath the desk of a workmate in the 11100 block of San Pablo Avenue near 10:15 a.m., March 29. The victim reported a loss of \$1,225.

■ According to a police report, an argument between a husband and wife turned violent the afternoon of April 1 when a 25-year-old man grabbed his 24-year-old wife's hair as he sped westbound on Interstate 80. The report said the driver slammed on the brakes of the car, abandoned it and his wife on the freeway, and fled.

The woman flagged down police, who eventually caught the man, though she refused to press charges, according to the report.

■ At 2:30 a.m., April 7, police report a burglar cut open a padlock securing a garage space behind Cliff's

Bar on San Pablo Avenue, stole a six-pack of beer and a video that contained more than 10 quarters.

■ According to police, a car was used to slash the tires of cars parked at El Cerrito Community Center on the morning of April 7 or 8.

■ A thief shattered the rear passenger-side window of a car parked on Knott Avenue near San Pablo Avenue on the morning of April 7, according to a police report. The known suspect then entered the vehicle, went through the box and took two cell phone adapters valued at \$45.

■ A 46-year-old man was driving on the eastbound side of I-80 on the morning of April 7, according to a police report. He was arrested on suspicion of inflicting corporal injury to his wife.

## Chamber president calls for volunteers

## El Cerrito Chamber

By Sewall Glinternick

El Cerrito Chamber President Michael Klinger this week called for local business people to volunteer to serve on the Economic Development Board now being formed here.

"This seven-person board is expected to play an important part in future business development here, yet so far only three people have applied for appointment to this body," he said.

"As far as I know, not one of these three are in business here. I, or any chamber member I designate, will automatically become a member of this board. But, it's vital the business community be better represented on this body."

Because so few have signed up to serve, Klinger reported, the application period has been extended into the month of May.

Under the ordinance establishing the Economic Development Board adopted by the City Council on March 6, members must be either residents of the city or own or operate a business here. The business representatives do not have to be city residents.

The ordinance calls for the Economic Development Board to:

- Advise the City Council on economic development matters, including budget, staffing levels, policies, selection criteria, project financial feasibility and suitability, and investment of resources into proposed projects.

- Make recommendations on the annual economic development work plan, including its priorities and evaluation measures.

- Oversee the work of subcommittees established to concentrate on creating plans for high-priority areas.

- Provide input to the city boards and commissions on economic development matters.

- Review progress toward achieving the annual work plan goals and long range economic development goals.

- Encourage community involvement in economic development.

- With the advice and consent of the City Council, form a Resource



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**WELCOMING UNPARALLELED LINES** Graphic Art Studio back into the El Cerrito Chamber are past president Bill Kerber (left) and City Councilwoman Gina Brusatori (right). Accepting their best wishes are the firm's owners, Ellen and Keith Jeffers.

Council of business and community members who are available to provide assistance on an ad hoc basis.

The ordinance creating the Economic Development Board specifically states:

"It is essential that this economic development board contain persons who are business owners and operators in the city based both on the expertise of such persons on economic development matters and because such persons will best represent the interests of other business owners and operators in the city."

"As a result, the economic development board shall contain at least two members who are business owners and operators, one of whom shall be the president of El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce or his/her designee, in order that the business interests are adequately represented on 'the board.'"

In urging chamber members to volunteer for service on this board, Klinger pointed out that applicant questionnaires may now be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's office at City Hall or by calling 510-215-4305.

Brief interviews originally scheduled to be conducted by the City Council on April 17 will be held at a

date in May to be announced by Mayor Mark Friedman.

## New chamber member

Blaine J. Davis, financial planner and investment representative for the Edward Jones firm, this week became the chamber's newest member.

Davis, who has been busy since February in setting up Edward Jones' office at 11760 San Pablo Ave. in Suite B at Del Norte Place, brings 13 years experience in financial planning to his new post here.

Having served nine years as investment consultant for the Bank of America, Davis is well-qualified to offer area residents and businesses guidance in retirement planning, establishing college funds for children and grandchildren, meeting life and long-term care insurance needs, and advice on investments in stocks, bonds, mutual funds and certificates of deposit.

The local Edward Jones office will be open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday; and evenings by appointment.

## Puppy found abandoned in pickup truck

By K. Osborn

CORRESPONDENT

**ALBANY** — At about 11 p.m. on April 15, officers observed a blue 1974 Datsun pickup traveling north on the 400 block of Evelyn Avenue going into the Plaza parking lot. The truck had been reported as stolen out of Richmond and the officer began following the vehicle. The officer lost sight of the truck when it exited the parking lot on Central Avenue, but saw it a short time later. It had been abandoned and there was no one in the area. The officer found a 6-month-old puppy abandoned in the truck. The puppy was turned over to Animal Control and the owner of the truck was notified.

■ On the evening of April 9, officers observed a subject on private property at the end of Eastshore Road acting suspiciously.

Officers contacted the 14-year-old Richmond boy, who was trespassing and in possession of two permanent marking pens. He was arrested, cited and released to his mother with a notice to appear.

■ At about 10 p.m. on April 9, officers responded to a call from an employee of a business on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue who reported placing a man under citizen's arrest for indecent exposure. Officers arrived and learned that a 34-year-old San Francisco man had exposed himself to the employee. The suspect was cited for indecent exposure and released with a notice to appear.

■ Just after midnight on April 10, officers stopped a silver 1983 Mazda on the 1000 block of Eastshore Road for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 24-year-old El Sobrante man, was found to have a no-bail warrant

from Contra Costa County. He was arrested and transported to the Albany jail to await transport to Santa Rita Jail.

■ At about 2 a.m. on April 10, officers stopped a red 1993 Saab 9000 for erratic driving near Marin and Ordway avenues. The driver, a Berkeley woman, was found to be intoxicated. She denied that she had been drinking, but registered .16 on the breath test, according to police. She was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

■ At about 5:30 a.m. on April 10, officers contacted an El Sobrante man on Jackson Street in front of Oceanview School. He was found to have an outstanding Albany warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia. He was arrested, cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ Around noon on April 10, officers contacted a subject at the end of Eastshore Road who was going through the trash. The 37-year-old transient man was found to have a Berkeley warrant for theft in the amount of \$4,000. He was arrested. During booking, he was found to be in possession of about 34 grams of marijuana. He was arrested on suspicion of possession, cited and transported to the Berkeley jail.

■ On the evening of April 10, a resident on the 1000 block of Neilson Street reported that thieves had stolen his wallet from his unlocked 1986 Toyota pickup parked in front of his house. Another resident on the same block reported that vandals had broken the rear window of her white 1983 Volvo, possibly with a BB gun.

■ On the morning of April 12, a resident on the 1400 block of Marin Avenue reported that during the

night, thieves broke into his 1993 Toyota Corolla and stole a radio.

■ On the evening of April 10, a resident on the 700 block of Jackson Street reported that thieves had stolen his wife's gray Volvo.

■ At about 9 p.m. on April 10, a resident on the 500 block of Jackson Street reported that thieves had stolen his brown 1983 Cadillac.

■ At about 10 p.m. on April 10, officers located a red 1981 Camry at the end of Buchanan Street that had been reported as stolen from Berkeley. They did not have suspects in custody. The vehicle was notified and picked up by the owner.

■ At about 5 p.m. on April 13, a 13-year-old El Cerrito boy was riding his bikes near San Pablo and Neilson avenues. They were stopped by a group of eight boys who scribbled about 16 years on his pants.

The group tried to take the bikes away and his friends and the group boys got punched. All three boys with their bikes and the group different directions.

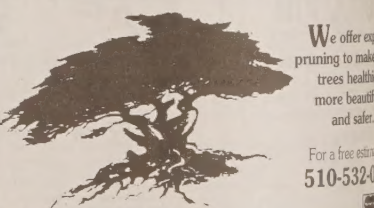
During the week of April 10, officers towed two cars, tried to 11 false alarms, attended lost or dead animals, assisted people who were locked out of their house or car, and responded to a report of a barking dog.

In the domestic arena, officers assisted with two stand-bys, responded to 24 civil disturbances and assisted.

Officers stopped 97 cars for citations and 38 warnings. Also, fighter/paramedics responded to a report of a fire and 15 medical

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# Youth outreach program, city brochure honored

By J.R. Deaton  
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EL CERRITO — The city continues its winning ways, earning awards in the 1999 California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) District III Awards Program for design and graphics in city promotional materials. The awards were presented this month at a ceremony in Union City.

The 1999 fall/winter city brochure, designed by local artist Debbie Weeks, won in the Best Single Brochure category for Alameda and Contra Costa counties for cities under 50,000 population, with its artistic depiction of futuristic sports.

The brochure also won the 1999 Dynamic Golf Scramble won the 1999 Program Poster Award for the city, and her logo for the golf tournament won the District III Best Award.

The Community Services Program category, El Cerrito's Project Reach took top place. Project Reach, a joint effort between the city, the Education, Achievement and the City of El Cerrito.

Children, the Community Services Division of the Rotary International Foundation, the El Cerrito Rotary Club and the West Contra Costa Public Library (the Ed Fund).

Twenty-five to 35 at risk fourth-

fifth- and sixth-graders participate in group meetings, weekend field trips and a one-week summer camp as part of the program.

The program is funded primarily by grants from The Rotary International Foundation and the El Cerrito Rotary Club. This school year, the Project Reach kids have been to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, a sea lion sanctuary on the California coast, and to the theater district in San Francisco at Christmastime to see a presentation of "A Christmas Carol."

Todd Trimble, president of CPRS District III, said the district consists of 15 municipalities and special districts competing for the awards.

"This district has several, what we would call, special recreation districts," Trimble said.

Community Services Manager Monica Korts praised Project Reach co-coordinators Roberto Alvarado and Cara Strebbe, and Special Programs Supervisor Samantha Kelman, who have made the program a success.

"We work to create a cohesive group based on truth, fairness, goodwill and respect — the same four principles Rotary has," Korts said of Project Reach. "I also think that the program is helping families become closer. The project is becoming more

than what was expected — the kids really enjoy it and they're learning from it. They think it's something special."

Co-coordinator Alvarado said he has noticed changes in the Project Reach kids since the program began last fall.

"I think we've seen a tremendous difference in self-esteem and motivation," Alvarado said. He said the children have become more focused in their daily lives and that parents have reported change for the better in their children.

They've noticed some changes in the way their children act and in their schoolwork," Alvarado said. The children, he said, "have shown a big turnaround in self-esteem and how they feel about themselves."

Project Reach was funded for one year. Susan Wittenberg, executive director of the Ed Fund, a nonprofit group dedicated to supplementing offerings in West Contra Costa schools, has submitted a grant proposal that would fund it through the next two years.

"Our goal is that it be a three-year project," Wittenberg said.

Korts also praised Weeks. "Although we help her and have program ideas, she really takes our



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**CITY PARKS and Recreation Manager Monica Korts, Harvey and Sue Wittenberg of the Ed Fund, Parks and Recreation Commission board member Brenda Navellier, graphic artist Debbie Weeks, and City Manager Gary Pokorny at the awards ceremony.**

ideas and puts them into the artwork that we gain credit and notoriety for," Korts said.

"I think people look at our brochures more. I think we look more professional," because of

Weeks' work on the city's publications, Korts said. "Marketing sells products and she helps us sell our product."

City staff provide the written content of the seasonal brochures and then

Weeks does her artwork for the covers.

"The arts are alive and well in El Cerrito, hopefully we can build on that and recognize that even more," said City Manager Gary Pokorny when he announced the awards.

## Departing Tilden naturalist honored

By Donna Mickleson  
STAFF WRITER

More than 200 people crowded Tilden Park's Environmental Education Center on April 7 to celebrate the departure of popular retired naturalist Ranger Tim Gordon. For years, he led programs for school children and the general public. The event was a moving event, filled with memories, including a presentation by U.S. Poet Laureate, Robert Bly, of the Environmental Spirit Award.

Gordon was the last recipient, and that it had been given to UC Berkeley Emeritus Professor of Zoology Robert Stebbins, who also attended Friday's gathering. Gordon recounted their work together on behalf of environmentally sound land management practices for wildlife.

Gordon also received a special award from Sharon Corkin, president of AFSCE Local 2428, the chapter that represents East Bay Regional Parks workers and in which he had been active for three decades.

Alan La Pointe, a founder of Friends of Wildcat Canyon, presented Gordon with an alternative to the standard gold watch: a wrist-mounted sundial the retiree immediately dubbed a Luddite Rolex, symbolizing a daily connection with nature and the earth.

Malcolm Margolin, author and Heyday Press publisher, shared memories of the time when he met Tim while also working for the Regional Parks in the late 1960s.

Gordon, deeply touched, was asked by many to autograph trading cards of him provided by fellow naturalist Alan Kaplan and passed out at the event.

Those attending included current and former participants in the popular Junior Ranger weekend program, as well as colleagues, friends and all three of his siblings.

Music was supplied by the Wardogs, led by Kurt Regas.

## Arlington Park egg hunt

EL CERRITO — Come early for the start of El Cerrito's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, 10 a.m., in Arlington Park, 1120 Arlington Blvd.

The event takes place rain or shine and there will be a special visit from the Easter Bunny.

The fun is made possible through the donations of El Cerrito Electric, El Cerrito Firefighters Association, El Cerrito Police Officers Association, Rotary Club of El Cerrito and See's Candy.

## Memorial Park Easter fun

ALBANY — The Easter Bunny arrives at Memorial Park, Portland Avenue and Ramona Street, on April 22, for a morning of fun and games at the annual Spring Fair.

The Easter Bunny will be happy to pose for pictures with children of all ages, so be sure to bring your camera. The Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10 a.m. and will be divided by age levels so all children can participate.

Games and arts and crafts booths will open after the egg hunt and continue until noon.

Admission to the fair and egg hunt are free. Tickets to the games and activities will be on sale. The refreshment booth will open before the egg hunt and have beverages and snacks available throughout the morning. There will be two free puppet shows at 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

If it is raining, the fair will be held at the Albany Community Center.

The annual event is sponsored by Albany Preschool in association with the Recreation and Community Services Department, along with contributions from local businesses and service organizations.

The topic of the West Contra Costa County Sierra Club meeting for April is "Richmond: A City in Transition; A Conversation with Councilmember Tom Butt," on Wednesday, April 26, 7:30 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church Makamie Hall, 545 Ashbury St., in El Cerrito.

As an architect and councilman, Butt has been working to implement sustainable urban design in Richmond. He will report on how this

process is going. Details: Debbi Landshoff, 233-9733.

## West County holds Earth Day Festival

West County's First Earth Day Festival is Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Integrated Resource Recovery Facility, 101 Pittsburg Ave., in Richmond, just off the Richmond Parkway.

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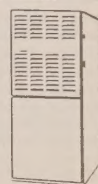
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Visitors and students will find MicroKidz to be a bright, cheerful computer-aided learning environment where the staff known as "MicroBuddies", are always ready to help, support, encourage and tutor children, parents and teachers.

The space here is divided into three areas: the software retail section, the learning islands and the Parents lounge area. Each of the five learning islands is outfitted with the latest Dell computers. Sometimes a separate class could be going on at each of the learning islands. One group of children might be learning how to design a web page, while another group might be working on their individual academic achievement goals.

Micro Kidz is a "user-friendly" place. Children are completely open to learning and being independent in the learn-at-your-own pace environment. The shopping process simple to use and you can search for software for children by age, subject, keyword, producer, title, grade or rating. It is a safe place to pose questions parents, children and

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by Laura Fischer

teachers are often embarrassed to ask. "Children are especially interesting to observe in this environment," says Matesic. Those who would normally be disruptive can be mesmerized by an education game, unaware they are learning problem solving techniques that will benefit them throughout their lives.

MicroKidz is located at 2807 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. Hours are: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. For further information, call (510) 647-0264, or log on [adrianna@microkidz.com](http://adrianna@microkidz.com).

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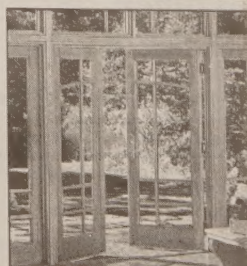
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## San Pablo Avenue gets group's attention

By Curtis L. Esquibel  
STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND — From El Cerrito to Crockett, the San Pablo Avenue corridor is the artery connected to the heart of West Contra Costa County.

The 15-mile thoroughfare that winds through and around West County may some day sport public art and colorful banners to match the region's rich history.

That is, if the West County Alliance, a group of business and civic leaders, can come up with the money to pay for the Avenue of the Arts project.

"People don't necessarily come away with any identity or special linkage of the communities when they drive through," said Michael Fenley, chairman of the alliance. "This is an opportunity to show that linkage and upgrade the appearance of these communities."

Alliance members say an arts project could give commuters a glimpse of West County's diverse neighborhoods and uplift the appearance of mom-and-pop stores along the avenue.

"As you drive it, the city of San Pablo, for example, has some beautiful landscaping," said Judy Morgan, alliance member and president of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce. "Hopefully, people would stop and want to shop along the avenue."

The alliance was formed in 1998 with the agreement of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond and San Pablo to change what its members perceive to be a negative image of West County. The members meet monthly to discuss culture, education, and economic development and plan projects.

The alliance's plan is to find points along the 15-mile stretch of San Pablo Avenue where murals, banners or public art pieces could

educate commuters or pedestrians about a city's identity. The project could take five years or more, but the alliance wants the public to be aware of its fund-raising effort now.

Its first goal is to raise seed money before laying out an official plan. Originally, \$5,000 was to be set aside for a millennium-banner program during the holiday season. But the idea folded after few donors stepped forward.

For the past six months, the alliance has been working with the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee to prepare grant program applications. WCCTAC and the alliance suffered a setback in March when a grant application for transportation for livable communities was denied.

"It was a very competitive grant program," said Lisa Hammon, WCCTAC managing director. "There's not a lot of opportunities for things like public art, but I'm going to see if there's anything else."

The alliance is awaiting word on a couple of other proposals. If the funding is secured, the alliance would like artists to paint murals similar to displays in Hercules, Pinole and Richmond.

"I love good ideas," said Jeff Nathanson, an alliance member and arts management consultant. "Ultimately, it would improve San Pablo Avenue to such an extent that it would help create recognition for the region."

Meanwhile, other work on San Pablo Avenue has been going on for a few years. Project Interconnect, a \$6.5 million plan paid for with state and federal funds, will synchronize traffic lights to ease peak-hour congestion and decrease emissions. The project, scheduled to be completed in 2001, may be ahead of schedule, Hammon said.

## EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Having trouble with math? Help is on the way! Free math tutoring at lunchtime every day, Room 311.

■ Spring break, April 24-April 28.

■ All District Choral Festival, Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m. Pinole Valley High. Choir students will sing.

■ Modified Day, Wednesday, May 3.

■ Music Parents Fund-raiser. Join ECHS Music Parents, families and friends at Contra Costa Civic Theater to see "Fiddler on the Roof." Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m. Tickets: \$15. Call Marilyn Alford at 510-237-2836.

■ Senior Car Wash, Sunday, May 7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Chevron station at Solano and Colusa.

■ School Site Council meeting, Wednesday, May 10, 6-7:30 p.m., ECHS Library.

■ PTSA meeting, Wednesday, May 10, 7:30 p.m., Room 812. All welcome.

■ WCCUSD Art Show, Friday,

May 12, Richmond Art Center.

■ East Bay College Connection. Sat., May 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at St Mary's College in Moraga. A regional college fair for high school students and their parents, counselors and teachers. Representatives from 170 institutions will be there. Free. Call 925-631-4227.

■ WCCUSD/ECHS town meeting. Tuesday, May 16, 7-9 p.m. ECHS gymnasium.

Discussion will be on facility maintenance and improvements for El Cerrito High. To all parents and guardians: The district is in the process of preparing a Long Range Facilities Master Plan to address the conditions and facilities at your child's school. District Superintendents of School Support Services will be there. Parents, please fill out the district questionnaire your child brought home or go to

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## EL CERRITO IN BRIEF

### Swim center update

If you think your vote doesn't count, think again. In last month's election, Measure A, which funds Swim Center and park facilities reconstruction and rehabilitation and establishes a capital maintenance and replacement fund, passed by a mere 37 votes. Hugh Denton, assistant county registrar, confirmed Measure A's 37-vote passage and noted it needed "66.6 (percent) plus one vote" approval to pass.

Councilman Larry Damon described the margin of passage as "uncomfortably close."

At this week's City Council meeting, Damon gave an update on what's next in the Swim Center reconstruction time line. Damon said that a Park and Recreation Commission task group will "be talking to one of the more preferred contractors in this area," within the next week or two.

"They will be available to present their recommendations to the council after they meet with this group," Damon said. He said he hopes the

Swim Center will be in reconstruction this winter to be open for swimmers in the summer of 2001.

"This is a relatively straightforward project, it really isn't that complicated," Damon said about Swim Center reconstruction. "I believe it's certainly do-able with a high-quality group in that time frame."

### Streaming ahead

The City Council this week authorized city planning staff to apply for a \$200,000 grant from the California Department of Water Resources to help stabilize and restore Cerrito Creek on the south side of the Plaza.

"Restoration and stabilization of Cerrito Creek is essential if only from a functional storm-water management and protection of private property perspective," said Planning Manager Jill Keimach in a report to the council.

"Both the hydrologists hired by the city and by the El Cerrito Plaza owners agree that Cerrito Creek is eroding at an alarming rate,"

Keimach noted. "This grant may not provide all the necessary funding to create a strong amenity to the Plaza, but, even if the funding is cut somewhat during the grant review process, the grant will likely fund the stabilization of the creek banks."

The grant proposal is being co-sponsored by Friends of Five Creeks; the group will provide about \$5,000 for native plants and will provide volunteer labor to assist with planting of the creek banks. The Urban Creeks Council and several individuals have also submitted letters in support of the grant and Cerrito Creek improvements.

Although not final, a tentative agreement with Plaza owner Milton Bilak should result in Bilak deeding the creek and a strip of land on its north side to the city as part of the Plaza reconstruction project.

The City Council will have to approve any such agreement. If the creek and north side strip is not offered, or the city delays acceptance of the offer beyond six months, the grant application will be withdrawn.

### Annual fee increases

The City Council approved a revised master fee schedule for this week. The annual increases required by city ordinance and fees will become effective Jan. 2000.

"Included in the 2000-2001 schedule are both recommended changes to existing fees and new fees for newly proposed services," said Financial Services Manager Brown in her report to the council. "The recommended changes are consistent with the City Council's direction to recover the full cost of service where feasible and appropriate," Brown said.

Per city ordinance, business license tax rates are increased according to the Consumer Price Index; for 2000-2001 the increase is 4.1 percent.

The Park and Recreation Commission, in keeping with City Council policy, reviewed the city's recreation program costs and

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# Opinion

## VIEWPOINT

### Barking up wrong political tree

By James Carter  
STAFF WRITER

Albany residents narrowly avoided a head-on collision during a recent City Council meeting where a plan designed to reduce traffic on Marin Avenue was strenuously debated.

Marin Avenue cuts through Albany like a metallic river, motorists surfing the waves with reckless abandon. A proposal to reduce lanes there from four to two, a center lane set aside for left turns, and this community right down the middle.

There simply is no middle of the road in this town. In fact, the only issue that unites Albany residents is the notion that people here disagree. And even that relatively benign statement would be contested by the various so-called political alliances, one organized in favor of being opposed, another opposed to being in favor. A third would inevitably call for a taxpayer-funded survey of the matter, the results to be released next year. That's the politics as usual in Albany, a city that likes to pride itself on its small-town ambience. And anyone who has ever lived in a small town knows, what that really means is endless fractious disputes about who did what to whom when.

#### Trees and dogs

A member of the City Council once warned of the dangers of speaking publicly about dogs and trees. These two issues are very dear and dear to many residents in Albany, subjects certain to arouse a passionate debate than uselessness, or the skyrocketing real market.

Yet the same sagacious individual who warned of the dangers of dog and tree controversies has engaged in a long-standing dispute with another councilman about these very issues.

To complicate things, one politician favors planting new saplings, opposes dogs (at least as far as ordinance in question), while the other is a vocal critic of trees and an ardent spokesman for his best friend.

There is a complexity to the issue of dogs and trees that might be apparent on the surface. There are at least two sides to a tree, for example, as they provide shade and block out the sun. Dogs, on the other hand, are far more complex. They require further study. The city of Albany has recognized the importance of such a study. Currently, there is a dog subcommittee operating in conjunction with the Memorial

Park improvement plan.

A proposal to plant more trees at that park is also under consideration, with one councilman opposed, his rival embracing the plan as he might a doe-eyed puppy. Which brings us to areas of potential agreement along the road to Marin Avenue.

Perhaps the solution to the Marin Avenue debate is to construct a doggy walk in the space currently slated for a bike lane. After all, when push comes to shove, nobody really likes bike riders anyway, except that handful of fanatics who try to peddle the concept of saving gas and the environment on a planet already doomed.

As for pedestrians, especially children and toddlers, well, why don't they take the bus or have their parents drive them to school in their SUVs?

Yet there is a potential new role for children in town, if policy makers overcome preconceived notions. What with all the video games available today, kids already know how to drive far better than seniors. Let them drive our retired citizens around town. Then we could eliminate sidewalks altogether.

So let's put our youth to work. After all, there's nothing worse than being stuck behind a senior citizen on their way to the market, or waiting for one to hobble across the street. They should all be packed away in some HMO-managed nursing home anyway.

So let's make use of this undervalued child-labor force and kill two birds with one stone. It could prove to be just what the city needs to stimulate a sagging local economy. With all the taxes the dot-com crowd will save, they will surely invest all of it in Solano Avenue start-ups. We're all sure to prosper.

Yes, dogs and trees. Here is a marriage made in heaven. How odd that the connection has never been established before. Trees could be planted along the doggyway, a move certain to be favored by those owning male pups and arborists. This is, as Ronald Reagan used to say, a common sense solution to our problems.

The dog lovers would have their doggyway, the tree lovers more trees. Have a cop sitting in a tank near to top of the Avenue to patrol the area and keep an eye out for rampaging gangs of youths, and every major political group in town will be satisfied.

The views stated in this column reflect those of the author only, and not the editor nor the publisher of this newspaper.

### Expect the unexpected on BART

By Janine A. Palley

Mussolini was in charge of BART. Say what you will about dictatorship, at least under Duce, the trains would run, and my mind run on time.

Besides, BART riders have been "free." We've always been slaves to their blundering incompetency. It's only now, as the Bay Area's growth spurts his warp speed, that the chains of our inadequate mass transit hang so heavily around our necks.

For what master could be more than BART's dreaded, system-wide announcement?

Yesterday I was sitting in the North Berkeley station, having just missed the 9:21 to SF-Colma. A man sat next to me, bracing a purple, BMX bicycle between his legs. She looked anxiously at her watch, then at the pink destination sign over the front side of the platform.

"I have to go to Fremont," she said. "It's my last chance."

As I sat on cue, the loudspeaker beeped, then emitted the telltale sound preceding a you know what. Attention BART riders, this is a carteride announcement. The station has been shut down due to a medical emergency. Please return to Lake Merritt. There is no additional information at this time."

The bicycle lady listened to the loudspeaker the way a doctor listens to your heart, as if someone's life depended on it. When the announcement ended, I thought she was going to cry.

This sort of thing happens every single day. Every single day, there's a problem or a delay with BART. Most remain a mystery. At least yesterday, we knew human life was in peril. Usually, we're not that lucky.

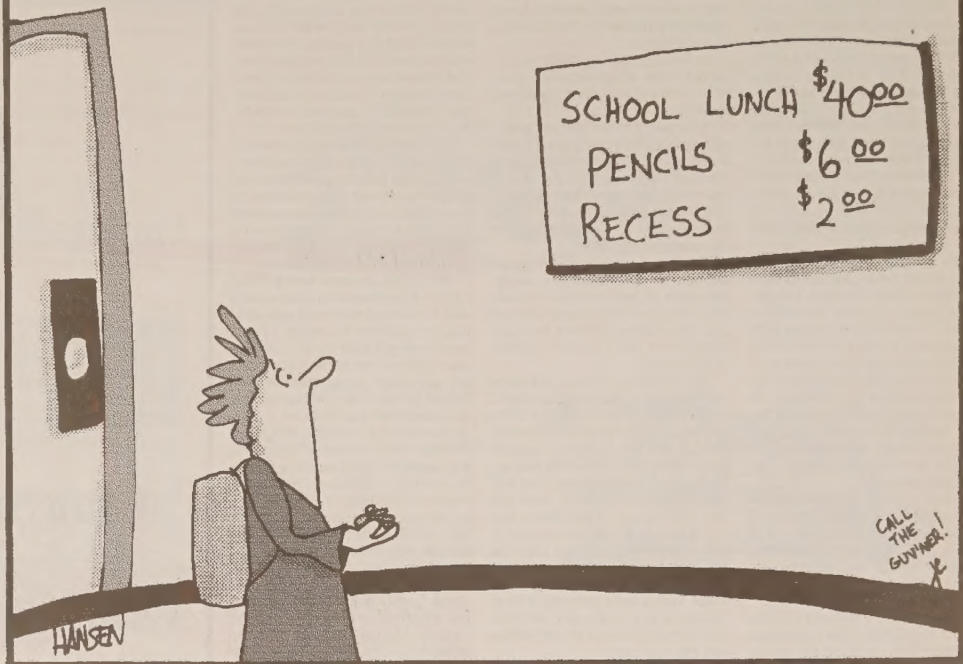
Like three weeks ago, with the fiasco in West Oakland. I got to North Berkeley with two minutes to spare for the 9:01. Angry passengers jammed the usually empty platform.

I went to the end of one of the long, snaking lines and asked the guy in front of me, "What's going on?" He shrugged and went back to reading his newspaper.

When the train came at 9:15, it was four times as packed as the station. I had a life-or-death client meeting in the city. I couldn't afford to be shy. Just before the doors closed, I cut to the front and jammed into the square inch of space still available in the car. When we arrived in West Oakland, the conductor announced that service was terminated. We were told to get off and wait. That was the extent of her explanation.

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## WEST CONTRA COSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT IS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO REDUCE DEBT



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Dealing with parking crunch

It will become increasingly hard to find an empty BART parking space if we follow the advice of Jerry Power in El Cerrito's garage vs. shuttle bus controversy (see Journal letters, April 7). Here are the relevant facts:

Available Measure-C funds can either provide 240 additional parking spaces, or pay all the costs of five shuttle buses for eight years.

It's not just that close to 1,000 commuters will be displaced at the Plaza; add to that at least 500 more spaces, as neighborhoods and Target and other businesses introduce parking controls to protect themselves from an ever-increasing parking shortage.

Even the \$6.3 million garage cannot preclude the expected shortfall of 1,500 minus 240, i.e. a 1,260-space deficit. And meanwhile, commuters have no choice but to use BART in increasing numbers.

On the other hand, if we use the money for shuttles, this could shift most of these 1,260 commuters from parking at BART to shuttle buses. Each new garage spot that is not built, can pay for the BART access and egress of five shuttle bus users, and help with traffic congestion and air pollution.

The costs are easy to prove. More complex is how to get people out of cars, and into buses.

Most of us would prefer to drive, but only if we can park, preferably for free. Bus networks are easy to modify, we can tinker with routes, schedules and bus sizes till we get it right.

Anyone who takes cost and performance figures seriously should help us design the system, not call for a garage. Those who think the \$10 each new space would cost per day is a fair price to pay, should take a taxi instead. The obvious goal is to maximize the number of filled bus seats arriving at our BART stations, regardless of whether these people are from El Cerrito, Richmond, Albany, Kensington, or elsewhere.

If more people use a shuttle, this will provide more parking for those with no other option but to drive. This is very much a conservation issue, for that most scarce of resources, our tax money.

Peter Loubal  
El Cerrito

### EC BART stations serve larger region

Much as I like and am for public transportation, I have to agree with Jerry Power that the El Cerrito Council is in denial. As Mr. Power correctly points out, the money was collected from and for a regional constituency and does not belong to El Cerrito alone. Further, cars and their use are not going to go away or diminish in importance either as long- or short-range commuting vehicles, no matter what.

And as long as the north end of the Richmond line of BART terminates as it presently does, El Cerrito cannot avoid being a major

transportation transfer hub for outlying communities, as well as for us, don't forget! What is needed is better shuttle service AND a parking structure.

It is very probable that shuttle vehicles of some sort could be a valuable supplement to the somewhat sparse AC Transit network.

But I have serious doubts about how useful it would be for those of us living in El Cerrito who don't commute in the traditional sense, that is, who use BART outside the traditional rush hours.

Consider, for example, use during midday or of leaving El Cerrito in the early evening and returning late at night. For the latter use pattern, a lighted parking garage is a powerful incentive to use BART instead of driving all the way to Berkeley or San Francisco, for example. Would shuttle service be a truly viable alternative during the non-peak times? I seriously doubt it. It could be, of course, but I doubt it would ever be financed adequately.

Tom Smithberger  
El Cerrito

### Free parking won't do

Some BART users may switch to driving if BART imposes fees at its parking lots. All of us usually act in our perceived self-interest, balancing time, money and convenience.

Some people may not have realized that parking structures cost money. According to BART, a new space in a garage built above existing surface parking costs taxpayers about \$10 per workday. The continuation of "free" parking at existing BART stations is no longer financially feasible.

The real issue is that parking fees would be used to pay for frequent and free (or nominal fare) shuttle buses. Someone with a different time and money budget would gladly pay for the spot left by the person who chose to drive.

This would not necessarily be someone with more money. Perhaps later that morning, a parent wanting to get the kids to school without hiring an early-morning baby sitter, would find the former rider's spot available at the right time. Furthermore, this parent's fee would offset the shuttle bus costs. For example, a \$3 fee would finance two round trips on a shuttle bus.

El Cerrito's BART parking problems prove that we cannot resolve this issue by pouring more cement at existing stations. Only shuttle buses promise to solve this problem. We may not get the shuttle routes and schedules right at first, to maximize usage. Buses can always be rerouted; however, cement garages cannot be moved.

Rosemary Loubal  
El Cerrito

### Not so different

Now that folks are getting used to the latest change in gasoline prices, it would be well to review the history, based on constant dollars.

As a kid, I pumped fuel in 1934 in San Francisco at about 16 cents per gallon. Since then, the growth in the money supply (inflation) has produced a Consumer Price Index ratio of 12.56. Using that ratio, the price of 1934 gas in constant dollars would be \$2.01, not far from current prices.

The American Petroleum Institute has released a study comparing prices in constant dollars starting in 1920. The average price to date has been \$1.92 with a standard deviation of 0.337. That means two-thirds of the prices have been in the range \$1.58 to \$2.26.

Does that mean we should not do our best to keep prices in bounds? No, but it means that what we see now is not all that different from past experience.

George Amberg  
El Cerrito

### Airline travel in Bay Area can be chaotic

This is about the feature story on the first page of the Times Business section (April 11) regarding passengers' complaints about airline service. Beyond a doubt, the same economy that accepts \$2 per gallon gas and 83 cents for a cup of yogurt also can allow us to travel, and we do, a lot.

I took a friend to SFO on April 1, since there were no direct flights from Oakland. On a beautiful, clear Saturday morning, there were hundreds of other travelers in long, serpentine lines waiting their turn at the counter. They did well; we only had to wait 35 or 40 minutes, and the plane was not very late taking off.

On the next Saturday, April 8, it was chaos. The airline-flight information voicemail was not in touch with reality and did not know the flight was more than an hour late departing Spokane, Wash. Nor did the airline monitors have a clue as to where the plane would dock when it finally arrived at SFO.

About an hour after the scheduled arrival, I was directed to gate 70, where I waited standing. Yes, there was not an empty seat at gate 70, and all of the good seating places on the floor were taken. As you might imagine, all through the wait, the PA system was offering \$100 vouchers for those who would surrender their seats on various flights.

My conclusion is that the airlines are to some extent over-extended, and that here in the Bay Area, SFO's runway system is insufficient for the present and future terminals. Oakland Airport just does not have the variety of service to make it even nearly as busy as SFO.

The drive to and from SFO is agony, but the "Dogpatch" airline service from Oakland is also agony. Customers complain!

Bob Wells  
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— Thomas Jefferson, 1787



# It's time to proclaim a state of California Jubilee for Children

There is a growing campaign to bring major debt relief for the world's poorest countries. Called Jubilee 2000, the movement seeks to unfetter developing countries from the tremendous burden of debt repayment as they work to build struggling economies and public services.

In Mozambique, for example, one of four children dies before age 5 due to infectious disease, yet the government spends four times more on servicing debt than on health care. In Sub-Saharan Africa, governments owe foreign creditors an average of almost \$400 for every man, woman and child — more than most Africans make in a year.

Jubilee 2000 is inspired in part by the Old Testament book of Leviticus which called for a Year of Jubilee every 50 years in ancient Israel.

As described by Arthur Waskow, "Every seventh year, debtors were released from their debts and the land itself was released from human control, so that it could make its own Sabbath rest for an entire year. And in the 50th year (seven times seven plus one), a jubilee was to be proclaimed."

The words of Leviticus were encoded on the American Liberty Bell: "Proclaim liberty (jubilee) throughout the land to all the inhabitants thereof." The bell first rang in 1776 to announce a new era heralded by the Declaration of Independence.

Writer Jay Gary describes the impact of jubilee. "In ancient times, the Year of Jubilee began a yearlong festival marked by canceling of outstanding debts, returning land to original owners, and freeing of indentured servants."

Today, millions of people are supporting the application of the spirit of the ancient jubilee in small and large ways seeking the reconciliation of debts which prevent governments and societies from dealing with critical social issues.

In late 1999, President Clinton voiced support for this movement and said, "I do not think we can say in good conscience that we support the idea that (poor countries) should choose between making interest payments and investing in their children's education."

Currently, the WCCUSD is paying the state \$1.8 million per year working off a debt incurred when the state mandated terms resulting from a bailout of the district's financial problems in the early 1990s. Under current repayment terms, the debt will be repaid in the year 2017.

The ironic but sad link between Third World debt status and the West Contra Costa Unified School District

was first pointed out by West County attorney David Brown in an open letter to Gov. Gray Davis.

"I am amazed that on the eve of the last year of the millennium, our leaders can propose such broad, sweeping debt relief abroad, and yet we here in the West Contra Costa Unified School District must suffer the choice — between making interest payments and investing in (our) children's future."

Brown is one of many West County citizens who have written to Davis during the last few months to ask the state to allow the school district to utilize funds currently being used to repay debt for the education of our children.

In essence, the terms have created a form of indentured servitude for the students of our school district.

A kindergartner entering our schools in September will pay the state more than \$1,200 by the time he or she leaves high school in the form of less money spent on his/her education. This is more than the amount our district will spend on supplies to support that student's education.

But the real loss goes much deeper. To the extent we accept this form of second-class citizenship, we internalize an attitude that says our children deserve less than students in other school districts in California.

We face the continual reminder that our district's attempt to make a major leap forward in the late 1980s resulted in us taking a step backward instead. And the continuing question is: are we capable of making the necessary and deep changes that will take this school district from one with small areas of excellence and vast stretches of low performance to one that delivers to every child the ability to reach her/his full potential?

Today, we are internalizing the attitude foisted upon us by the state of California, the media, and, critically, ourselves, which says we are broken and can't be fixed.

In seeking a brighter future, let's first declare jubilee among ourselves affirming that we can and we will deliver for West County's children. Let us first reconcile with each other, let us first refuse to accept each other's low performing attitudes, and, importantly, then let us break free of indebtedness from the state of California carrying the message of jubilee.

Let's call this the West County Jubilee for Children.

Let's demand that Davis make good on his promise to rebuild education in this state. In Sacramento, the

necessary attitudinal change must be from "how do we further regulate the educational system?" to "how do we work together with communities throughout the state to secure and provide the resources needed to build excellence in education?"

Let's ask Davis to take this spirit and proclaim a state of California Jubilee for Children.

The only natural and fair application of the jubilee would be to reinvest West County's debt directly in education. We are not asking for forgiveness. One, because to ask for forgiveness implies that we have done wrong. In the long and complicated history of the Richmond Unified School District's journey into state indebtedness, one fact remains clear: The district was not allowed to proceed through a natural bankruptcy that would have enabled it to negotiate terms with its creditors.

In resolving debt issues between Third World debtor nations and creditors, policy makers have instituted programs whereby the debtors invest debt funds directly in programs that reduce poverty or create some other common good like a reduction in environmental exploitation.

We can do the same here in West County. Superintendent Gloria Johnston is working with staff and community members to create a long-term strategic plan for the district; many schools are hard at work taking advantage of opportunities afforded by Davis' new legislation like the Immediate Intervention — Underperforming Schools program. Whether funds reinvested from debt payments are spent on these efforts or on other critical needs like school repairs or supplies, the bottom line is that the school district must be held accountable for their wise use and the impact they create.

All five cities in West County, the WCCUSD School Board, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, the Contra Costa Central Labor Council, United Teachers of Richmond NEA/CTA, Public Employees Union Local No. 1, and many com-

munity organizations have endorsed the West County Alliance for Public Education's call to action asking for reinvestment of the debt funds in education in West County.

Like many in West County, I have written letters to Davis asking for a reinvestment of WCCUSD debt payments (see: <http://www.igc.org/west-county/0819992.htm>).

On Dec. 17, 1999, I received a form letter response from Secretary of Education Gary Hart. He wrote,

"...it is also critical that school districts be held accountable for sound fiscal management and that they, like responsible individuals, should be expected to fully repay their debts."

The point is well taken. (Let's put aside for the moment the obvious difference being that in this particular case the district was neither allowed to declare bankruptcy nor participate in the negotiation of loan terms.) Hart asks the key question: How could our system of government and

## West County School Watch

By Glen Price

our economic system function. If other individuals or organizations school districts could walk away from their debts?

I believe that the answer lies adherence to a higher accountability. I believe the WCCUSD and State of California are partners

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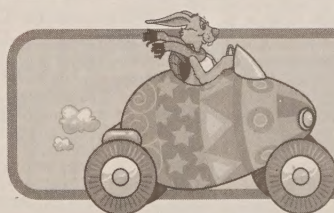
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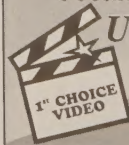
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### Albany Chamber

By Roxanne Wiley

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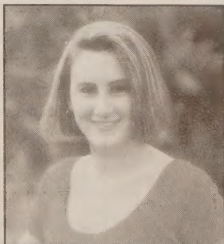
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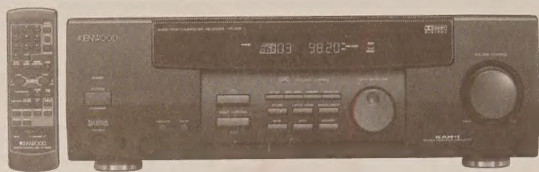
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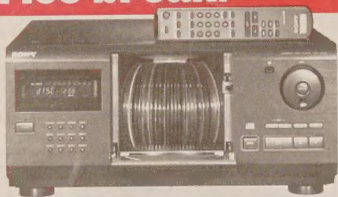
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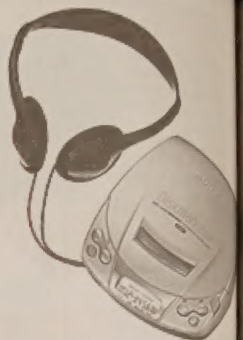
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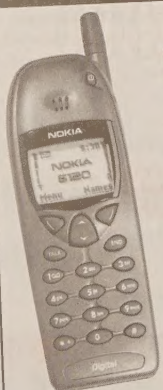
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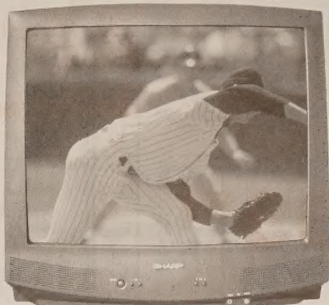
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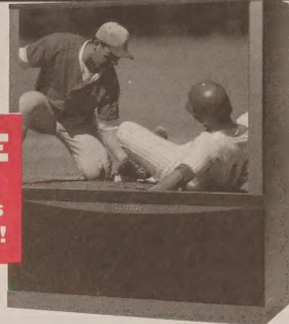
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## ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein  
CORRESPONDENT

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### Albany PTA Council

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR!** If you are new to PTA, consider volunteering to serve on a committee; if you have already done so, consider serving as an officer.

Volunteering is very rewarding and serves our children and community well!

April 24, regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., AMS library. Topic: AUSD budget. Do you ever wonder how budgets for your children's schools are made?

Do you ever wonder where the money we get from the state and other sources is actually spent, and why there is never enough? Come to our informal budget study session featuring Assistant Superintendent Connie Hubbard.

E-mail questions in advance to [sandrabender@yahoo.com](mailto:sandrabender@yahoo.com)

April 30, Albany Education Foundation Scoops for Schools, 1 p.m., Albany Community Center  
May 8-9, Healthy Schools Campaign Lobby Day, Sacramento. Sponsored by Californians for Pesticide Reform in support of Healthy Schools Act of 2000 (AB 2260). For more information, see [pests@igc.org](mailto:pests@igc.org)

### Albany High School

Join AHS PTA and receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Ruth Gjerde at [ruthg@eecs.berkeley.edu](mailto:ruthg@eecs.berkeley.edu)

SCRIP orders: Safeway and Andronico's scrip must be purchased from eScrip at 800-400-7878. We are selling Natural Grocery scrip, and arranging for Albertson's Community Partners cards. Call Linda Okamoto at 525-6782 or Belinda Lum at 528-2429. E-mail Linda at [cho.prn.lo@cho.org](mailto:cho.prn.lo@cho.org) or Belinda at [belum@pacbell.net](mailto:belum@pacbell.net)

April 24, special site council meeting, 6 p.m., AHS main office  
April 25, athletic boosters meeting, 7 p.m., AHS room 40  
May 1, PTA meeting, 7 p.m., AHS library

May 4, Instructional Improvement Committee meeting, 7 p.m., AHS room 53  
May 4, MacGregor High School

open house, 6:15 p.m.  
May 10, open house, 7 p.m.  
May 13, athletic boosters flea market, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Marin School

### Albany Middle School

Join AMS PTA and receive important announcements by e-mail. Contact Linda Okamoto at [cho.prn.lo@cho.org](mailto:cho.prn.lo@cho.org)

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VOLUNTEERS (sixth- and seventh-grade parents) needed to chaperone eighth-grade dance after graduation on June 15. Dance is 9-11 p.m.. Contact Dolores Dalton at [kevlb@aol.com](mailto:kevlb@aol.com)

April 27, POPS concert and sing-along, "A Blast from the Past," 7 p.m., AMS gymnasium

May 3, PTA meeting, 7 p.m., AMS library

May 11, open house, 7 p.m.

### Cornell Elementary School

SCRIP sales: Safeway scrip must

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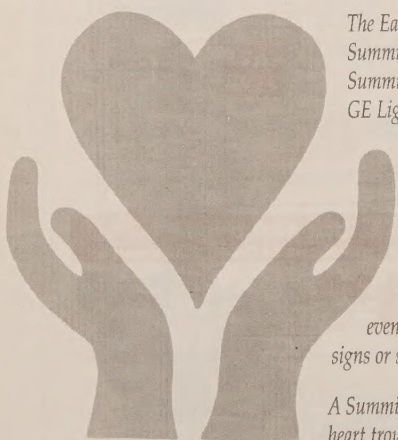
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The People's Choice Award: Amy Baumann. The dessert: a Pear Walnut Gorgonzola Crostata, paired with Cedar Mountain Winery's 1996 Duet. (Baumann was also the Judge's Award Silver Medal winner.)

The Judge's Award Bronze Medal: Lana Kennedy. The dessert: Caramel Cup Tarts with Spiced Ganache & Zinfandel Poached Pears, paired with Jackson Cellars 1998 Zinfandel.

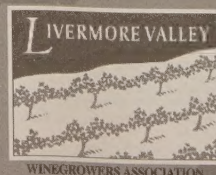
Best Presentation Award: Sharon McKenna. The dessert: Cold Sauternes Tartlet with Murrieta's Well 1997 White Vendimia.

Most Creative Dish Award: Robert Krupp. The dessert: Mango Mousse with Ginger-Spice Cookies, paired with Wente Vineyards 1997 Herman Winery Reserve Chardonnay.

Best Taste Award: Karen Arkin. The dessert: Rhubarb and Blackberry Tart with Dried Cherries, paired with Chouinard Vineyard's 1997 Zinfandel.

Best Recipe Award: Amber Thompson. The dessert: Orchard Cobbler, paired with Big White Horse Winery's 1999 Lapsus.

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purchased from eScrip at 800-400-0000. Andronico's scrip can be purchased from eScrip, or paper scrip can be purchased at school. Natural Grocers and Berkeley Bowl SCRIP for Wednesday and Friday, 8:15-8:45 p.m., and Wednesday after school. April 26, PTA meeting, 6:30 p.m. May 18, open house, 7 p.m.

## Ocean View Elementary School

SCRIP for sale Monday and Friday mornings before school, at early- and mid-times. Orders can be placed at any time. Safeway scrip can be purchased from eScrip at 800-400-0000. Andronico's scrip can be purchased from eScrip, or paper scrip can be purchased at school. Natural Grocers and Albertson's scrip can be purchased at school. Reminder: Please remember to save your General Mills boxtops for

education to office.

May 11, PTA meeting, 7 p.m., Marin Multi-Purpose room

May 18, open house, 7 p.m.

## Ocean View Elementary School

SCRIP for sale Wednesday mornings before school on playground; ask for Kim Denton. SCRIP can also be ordered from office. Safeway scrip must be purchased from eScrip at 800-400-0000. Andronico's scrip can be purchased from eScrip, or paper scrip can be purchased at school.

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April 28, Turn Off TV Night, 6:15 p.m., Ocean View Multipurpose Room, volunteers and donations of food needed. Call Dorothea Dorenz at 525-8717

May 4, PTA meeting, 7 p.m., Ocean View Library

May 18, open house, 7 p.m.

## AUSD Board of Education

April 25, regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multipurpose Room

May 9, regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

## AUSD Calendar

Kindergarten registration: Call elementary school closest to your residence

May 8, Statewide rally to raise per pupil spending, 4:30 p.m., Sacramento, SCHOOL OUT at 11 a.m.

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## News

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AP Exams, May 8-19. Talk to the coordinator of your AP class.

"Main Stage Production." May 24, 7:30 p.m. ECHS Little Theater

Memorial Day Holiday, Monday, May 29

## Test calendar

Thursday, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., May 18. See the SAT registration bulletin or online at www.collegeboard.org for the registration form, and details on how to register. On exam days, students may stand in their money and ID (required). Librarian Lonnie Johnson, 1034, ext. 2637, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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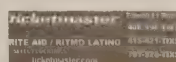
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# Signs

FROM PAGE A1

uation at Key and Knott is unsafe.

"If we're not going to put a four-way stop sign (at Key and Knott) in the next month or so — you're going to see us again and again and again," Junction Avenue resident and petition co-organizer Bill Patt told the council as they considered the issue.

"What's so dynamic about this, is that even though the population has

changed since 1991, with people moving out and people moving into that area, there is still overwhelming support for the stop signs," Patt said. In a letter read by Patt at the meeting, area resident Julian Waller said neighbors have found the intersection "too harrowing for safety." Hagen Boulevard resident Jeff Schiebeler used photos and street descriptions to make a case for the stop signs.

Knott Avenue resident Carol Butler urged council action and said of the intersection: "You just know that this one isn't safe — that something could happen here."

In the end, the City Council unanimously approved the stop signs, creating a four-way stop, for a 90-day test period. "This has been an issue of fear; this has been an issue of concern about safety," said Councilwoman Gina Brusatori.

If the new signs are found to be "beneficial for traffic operations," a second resolution approving them on a permanent basis will be prepared for City Council consideration by city staff.

King said earlier this week that he hopes to have the new stop signs in place at Knott and Key within the next two weeks.

# Housing

FROM PAGE A1

is a cost-saving move. "It's always been financial as opposed to political," said Harry LeGrande, the university's assistant vice chancellor of housing.

Student protests weren't a major player in the decision, he said, aside from opening the door to save some money at the village.

"They weren't clamoring to have that housing replaced," he said. "It made the decision pretty easy."

Students argued the buildings are in good shape and can provide decent housing for at least 20 more years. Many said they would not be able to afford rents in the new units.

University officials had said they wanted to renovate the entire village in one fell swoop, since construction costs increase over time.

But with at least one other major housing project in the pipeline — an undergraduate apartment complex planned for south of campus — holding off on the village saves resources, LeGrande said.

Individual university housing projects are planned to be self-sufficient, paid off in rental income. But UC Re-

gents must approve financing plans, including any bonds or mortgages involved. Funding for about half the village renovation has been approved, or 392 units.

Berkeley will have to go back to the regents for approval to finance the rest of the project, or rebuilding Section B.

LeGrande said he doesn't doubt winning this approval. The Regents have given a green light to the whole project. But with the south campus project in the works, he added, it makes sense to wait on the village instead of overtopping funding desires.

While relieved, students are still concerned about some aspects of the

university's decision, beyond putting something in writing.

About 48 units of Section B housing may still need to be demolished for a roadway and access for utilities. The students, several of whom live in these units, would like to see them stay.

"That's 48 people who may not be able to afford to come to UC Berkeley," said Eric Schulzke, a graduate student in political science.

Students would also like some kind of reassurance the university will keep Section B more than a few years.

Neither promise can be made, LeGrande said. "We need to have some idea of the costs."

# Earth

FROM PAGE A1

And commercial areas were not forgotten as many merchants were highly prominent in the event, not only by personal participation but also by seeing that extra effort was made around their businesses.

At noon, volunteers repaired to the Community Center for a free bar-

becue lunch. It was there that residents, city workers and officials, business people, police, firefighters, kids and everyone else concerned with the city rubbed elbows and realized just how many folks it takes to make this city tick.

By the time the rain arrived on Sunday, the local waterways were again flowing more rapidly and free of garbage, and residents could take satisfaction in the knowledge that they had made a small difference.

# BART

FROM PAGE A5

I'm not even picking on BART for the fact that most of the train cars smell like a urinal, or that the bobby grease stains on the upholstery make me prefer to strap hang. I don't mind the ticket machines that won't take new twenties, won't take old 20s or won't take any 20s. The whole concept of Add Fare, which means I stand in line three times instead of twice, is nothing short of brilliant.

And it wouldn't be fair to mention BART's legendary insensitivity to the elderly and handicapped. Only a true spirit of compassion could have scheduled those the lightening quick elevator and escalator overhauls.

A few days after the West Oakland debacle, I stood in front of North Berkeley's only street elevator. Next to me, sat a blonde woman in a Quickie wheelchair. She had pressed the elevator call button without reading the status report hanging next to it.

"This elevator is out of service," it said.

"What do you do when the elevator's not working?" I asked.

"I have to 'walk' to downtown and I wind up being late. It's really a drag in the rain," she called over her shoulder as she leaned on the throttle of her chair, trying to make her train. I crossed the parking lot and ran down the stairs.

When BART opened in the mid-'70s, it was so clean and technologically advanced, on the weekends, people would ride it like an attraction. I guess I could still consider it entertainment. I spend \$6 a day for the thrill of not knowing if I'll make it to my destination.

It reminds me of a carnival ride. I descend into the station and think, "Round and round and round BART goes. Will she run today? Nobody knows."

# OBITUARY

## Thomas R. Hartung

Thomas R. Hartung passed away in Pleasant Hill on March 16. He was the husband of Jacqueline Hartung of Pleasant Hill and father of Allison and Jessica Hartung, both of Pleasant Hill. He was the son of Mary and Bill Hartung of Albany, and brother of Charel and Ben Anderson of Vacaville. He is also survived by nieces Andrea, Julia, and Destinee, and nephews Evan and Jeremiah. The Albany native was 51.

He was a member of Local 378 of the Outside Ironworkers. Family members say he loved the outdoors and enjoyed working on cars.

Memorial services were held March 19 at Ellis-Olson Mortuary. Committal was private.

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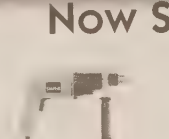
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Representatives from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission also addressed the council April 17, presenting a slide show depicting several different proposals to rebuild the Transbay Terminal in San Francisco.

According to Rodney McMillan, a senior planner from the commission, three different plans have been considered, with commissioners leaning toward one called "Great Ex-

pectations," a design that appears to enjoy more support than "A Tale of Two Cities," or "Our Mutual Friend." "Expectations" and "Cities" each had their own strengths, McMillan said, though Expectations would provide better service all the year.

McMillan never explained the inspiration for naming the three proposals, though two of the projects are virtually household words.

Expectations would be the least expensive of the three, McMillan said. Anticipated to cost \$700 million, the planner said by selling "air

space" to developers, as much as \$350 million could be raised to offset costs, a salient feature during both the best and worst of times. By air space, the planner referred to potential buildings constructed above the proposed facility.

The new terminal building design, currently only in its planning stages, would feature hook ups to Cal Trans and other transportation services, McMillan said. Before any project could begin, voters would have to approve funding for the plan.

When Mayor Jon Ely asked if

funds raised by selling air space and land to developers would go to offset costs for the facility or into the coffers of San Francisco, McMillan said such things would ultimately be a matter of negotiation, though he said at this stage, the project probably "wouldn't be feasible," without selling land — or air — to developers.

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Local businessman Greg Brazil berated Ely during the public comment portion of the council meeting for not returning calls he said he

made to the mayor concerning a number of issues. Brazil said he was told Ely could not return calls because of a lawsuit Brazil and others filed against the city to prevent redevelopment of property he and others owned near the Eastshore Highway.

"That litigation is over," Brazil announced. "We won."

Brazil said he owns a business in town, as well as several pieces of property, and that it was appalling that Ely did not return his calls. The mayor made no comment.

El Cerrito Plaza Merchants Association President Wil Chun also said that the sale, if it occurs, should not slow down Plaza revitalization.

"I don't think so," Chun said when asked if the possible sale will delay work at the Plaza. "It may be good for us," because of the financial power of the potential buyer, he said.

"Everything has been approved by the city," Chun said. "From what I understand, everything is waiting on Bilak's financing."

If the potential new buyer has financing to start reconstruction, then the wait for financing is over, Chun reasoned.

Bilak said that if the sale goes through it will "very much so" help the planned Plaza revitalization.

"They would do it all in cash," he said of the Regency Realty Corp. "There's no loan involved."

Chun, however, emphasized that nothing is certain about the possible sale.

"We don't know, really, what's going on behind the scenes; no one's really saying much," Chun said. "I told the merchants to hang tight; this is what's going on, but I can't tell you for sure what's going to happen or if it's going to happen."

Plaza architect Edward Gee said on Monday that Bilak "is talking to possible buyers," about his interest in the Plaza.

"He's been discussing this project with three possible major developers," Gee said, adding that Bilak has been trying either to get financing

for the revitalization project or, if unable to do that, to sell his portion of the shopping center.

Dorian Bilak said "yes and no" when asked if he will miss El Cerrito if the sale goes through.

"There have definitely been certain frustrations in moving forward to get the project entitled," Bilak said. "But, overall, the community, and especially the tenants at the Plaza, I think we are going to miss."

"Our intention was to build and hold on to the property. It's just I don't know that that's really financially feasible for the community and for us at this point," Bilak said.

"I'm sorry that we're not going to be able to build it," he said.

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# Board backs Lawrence Hall boycott

**By Marc Albert**  
STAFF WRITER

The yearlong detente between the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the lab's activist opponents was shattered last week after activists convinced the Alameda County Board of Education to call for a moratorium on school field trips to the Lawrence Hall of Science, owing to the dangers of exposure to tritium, a radioactive isotope of hydrogen.

The resolution, approved by a 5-1 vote, is merely an advisory recommendation to local school boards in Alameda County.

"We were stunned, we see this as a victory," said Gene Bernardi, a member of the activist group Committee to Minimize Toxic Waste.

Bernardi said the board heard testimony from June Kacy, a cancer survivor who attributes her illness to radiation exposure when she lived near the Department of Energy's facility in Hanford, Wash.

Bernardi said the board was presented with an academic paper and that she explained how tritiated wa-

ter can cross into fetuses through a mother's placenta, and that exposure can lower sperm counts in men and contribute to mental retardation.

The lab's National Tritium Labeling Facility is located adjacent to the Lawrence Hall of Science. The facility's exhaust stack is within several hundred feet of the science museum's entrance.

LBNL spokesman Ron Kolb said that prior to a call for comment from Hills Newspapers, lab officials did not know the issue was even under consideration.

"We're deeply disappointed that they took this action," Kolb said. "We were not asked to make a presentation, nor was the Lawrence Hall of Science." Kolb said the lab will ask the board for time to present its case and will seek a reversal of the vote.

Berkeley Unified School District spokeswoman Karen Sarlo said the district had not received information from the county, but would pass along whatever information the county provides.

"We take very few organized field trips there anyway," said Berkeley

Unified School District spokeswoman Karen Sarlo. "It might be one class from each school a year."

Kolb maintained that emissions from the lab conform to all federal standards and that data has been reviewed by the federal EPA and the state Department of Health Services.

Kolb said the lab conducted urine tests of 60 museum employees and that none of the samples were above normal.

Lab supporters have in the past said that people taking a coast-to-coast airplane flight receive more exposure than a theoretical person living at the lab's boundary gate.

"That's baloney," Bernardi counters. "There are certain things you can choose or not choose to do. (The lab's presence) is foisted on people. People can choose to fly an airplane or not, or live at high altitudes or not, but people can't choose to avoid a risk if they don't know about it," she said.

Tritium emits radioactive beta particles and is used as a tracer element in medical tests.

# Albany Day at the races is tomorrow

Albany Day at the Races will be held Saturday at Golden Gate Fields racetrack.

The annual event is geared to families and features a petting zoo, pony rides and face painting, along with horse racing.

The event starts at noon. Free

tickets have been mailed to every household in Albany, El Cerrito and Kensington. They also can be purchased for \$1 at the track.

Tickets to win the drawing for many super prizes are on sale now at the chamber and will be on sale at GGF as well. The drawing will be at 3 p.m.

One of the prizes is lunch on the Napa Valley Wine Train sponsored by Albany Ford/Subaru.

Proceeds from the event will go to nonprofit groups.

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# Watch

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critical mission: education of the children and youth of this community.

Hart and Davis need to ask the question: Is continued debt repayment the best interest of the children and youth of West County? If the answer to that question is "no", which I believe it will be, then we need to plan how we can truly benefit our children through the reinvestment of debt payments.

Declaration of a complete economic jubilee was probably not an

easy task in ancient Israel. Just like it won't be easy for the citizens of West County to free ourselves from the attitudes, behaviors, counterproductive practices, and indebtedness of spirit that prevent us from creating the educational system we all want.

But I believe we can do it. I believe the power to create a West County Jubilee for Children resides within each of us individually and as communities.

And I believe Davis could declare a California Jubilee for Children. It's time to reconcile and reinvest the debt this state owes its children and its future. The time to make it all happen is this millennial year 2000.

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## William R. Yelland and the Bay Area's medieval legacy

Part one of two parts

For six years as a UC Berkeley student in the 1970s, I lived on the 1800 block of Spruce Street in North Berkeley. Every morning as I left my apartment to walk to campus, I would glance across the street and marvel at the Medieval-looking buildings clustered along Spruce just above Hearst. Sometimes I would linger for a moment and admire the finely crafted wood and metal detailing, or the whimsical fresco decorations along the upper walls.

Before I moved away from Spruce Street, I learned that these buildings were part of an old complex of 45 apartment units that were officially called Thornberg Village, after their builder, but that they were popularly known as Normandy Village. When I met one of the earliest tenants, Dr. Helen Parrish, she informed me that these buildings had been designed between 1927 and 1929 by the local architect William R. Yelland, who was known for his use of both authentic Medieval period features and humorous details.

Since then, I have done much research on the work of this unique architect in the Bay Area. In the architecture classes and real estate seminars I have taught over the years, the slides I show my students of Yelland's work always generate great fascination and amusement. In the late 1980s, I had the rare privilege of listing the original eight units of Normandy Village, which eventually sold for \$526,000 as-is.

Today, the house that Colonel Thornberg had built for himself at the back of the complex and a duplex next to it, are on the market for the first time in over 20 years. In the next two columns, I shall

### Owning a Piece of History



By Mark A. Wilson

This week Mark begins a series on architectural treasures in North Berkeley built by William Yelland.

explore Medieval legacy left in the East Bay by the architect William R. Yelland. I will also describe the rich architectural features of the Thornberg House and duplex, which will be open to the public on Sunday, April 23.

William Yelland studied painting and architecture at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris in the 1910's, though he never received a professional degree in architecture. He was trained more as an artist than an architect, but he had a keen eye for the architectural features of the Medieval and Renaissance Era buildings he saw in his travels around France.

While a student at the Ecole des Beaux Arts after the start of World War One, he met a young American ace-pilot named Colonel Thornberg. Thornberg was a member of the Lafayette Escadrille, a unit of American volunteer pilots who went to France to fight the Germans before the United States entered the war.

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**BUILDERS** are listening to buyers and putting in features they specifically request.



## These days, your builder is listening

By Donna Gehrke White  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

The foyer is the dividing line: Go up the stairs to the master bedroom, kitchen, living room, dining room and balcony.

Go down the stairs to the family room, two more bedrooms, a home learning center, the laundry and a two-car garage.

Deacon Mario and Olga Lopez couldn't get over the unusual design of the Corisca model in Lennar's Vizcaya in Coral Springs, Fla.

"I really fell in love with the design," Olga Lopez said. "We love having an office downstairs." And it's the talk of their friends and family.

Called a bi-level, it has been popular nationwide since the '50s. But until Lennar recently brought the design to South Florida, few bi-levels had been built there.

Other builders also are bringing in designs from around the country — and beyond the U.S. borders — as consumers demand more interesting architecture and interiors.

While the Mediterranean style is still dominant, buyers can get Carolina Lowlands-style plantation homes with upper-floor balconies, or houses that look like they came from the Tuscan countryside. Even Swiss chateaux. Or California-casual homes.

In this back-to-tradition era, some

builders are traveling just a few miles away for their ideas, to the classic Spanish homes of Coral Gables. Others are flying to other areas for ideas.

For example, Jim Carr, who's in charge of Adler and Westbrooke Communities for Texas-based Newmark Homes, has visited residential developments in California, Arizona and Texas. Ideas he's recently brought back include thicker, textured interior walls; splurging on more wood trim inside the house; and stealing space from secondary bedrooms to create little nooks in the house

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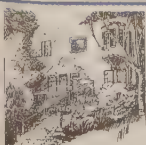
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# Builders

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for an office or study area. "You see some neat little spaces for that," he said. "That really does something for the house."

He says California is a must-see region for builders. Just as New York is the U.S. capital for fashion, California is a leader in new home design. "California starts trends," Carr said.

With the Internet, new ideas are going coast to coast faster than ever. In fact, says Miami architect Raul Sotolongo, "Ideas get spread so quickly with the Internet, it's hard to tell who copies whom."

The result: New homes are better designed.

Some new home-design innovations include:

■ **More flexibility in changing homes as families change.** Many new homes have secondary bedrooms built next to master bedrooms. The idea is that as soon as the child leaves, the parents can use it as a den, or knock out a wall and make their bedroom larger with a sitting area. Some childless couples and empty-nesters do it before they move in.

"We have come to the realization that family structures have changed in the last decade or so, and rooms aren't being used in the same way," Sotolongo said.

■ **More creativity in using outdoor space.** The use of balconies, porches, courtyards and patios is on the rise. Call it a yearning to go back to nature. Builders say most new home buyers want to be able to use their outdoor space as "rooms."

That's why some builders are offering courtyard homes with front

yards walled off for pools and patios. The Latin influence is also encouraging both front and back porches, says Fernando Martinez, vice president for marketing for Caribe Homes. "The front porch gives you a sense of neighborliness, and the back porch is for barbecues. It all comes down to being family-oriented," Martinez said.

■ **More customization of mass-produced homes.** It used to be that subdivision homes came as they were along Model Row. No substitutions. No personalized details. These days, many builders are willing to change designs for customers, to fit specific family needs. For example, Sotolongo and Westbrooke Communities created Design Wizard, a computer program that allows families at no extra charge to design their own interiors of homes on a model row.

## Millionaire style

In the new Minto planned community of Riviera Isles in Miramar, Fla., buyers also can have some walls moved or eliminated with no extra charge. They can create one room out of two — or vice versa.

"The consumer is getting extra design," says Minto executive vice president Harry Posin. So much so that his company hired Boca Raton architect Mitchell Kunik, who has designed custom homes costing up to \$20 million.

Kunik wanted to add millionaire touches to the Riviera Isles homes, which range from \$150,000 to more than \$400,000 with lake lots and other upgrades. So he, Posin and others went to study Coral Gables homes.

They concluded that those homes stayed popular because they had enduring "simple elegance." So homes in Riviera Isles feature winding staircases, oversized columns, octagonal rooms, bay windows, formal foyers,

arches, and columned, arched and towerlike entrances.

"They have timeless elegance," Kunik said. "It creates a more classical feel." Because Minto is offering so many different colors and elevations — as well as two dozen different models — few if any houses will look alike in the neighborhood.

That's what consumers want, says Jeff Auchter, Lennar's marketing director for Broward. They want to get away from the cookie-cutter look. Lennar, then, is looking for "interesting" homes.

## Turret trend

The of the company's most popular new models resembles a castle because of its rounded tower on the second floor. The castle is an import from California, but with Coral Gables touches.

Bilevels and their cousin, split-levels, from the Midwest and Northeast also have been popular. One reason is that they appeal to childless couples and families with children.

In the bilevel the Lopezes bought, a family can have the kids' rooms below — and their toys confined to the family room down there, Auchter said.

That way, parents don't have to be tripping over the toys. "The parents can live upstairs," Auchter said. "The kids and other family members can live downstairs."

But couples with no kids, such as the Lopezes, also find the house convenient because they keep their guest room, den, office or hobby room downstairs. They don't have to go downstairs at all, because the kitchen, master bedroom and living room are upstairs.

The Lopezes have found that one of the best features of the house is actually outside: having the balcony on the second floor for a vista of the Everglades. "We have some spectacular sunsets," Olga Lopez said.

# Wilson

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He was expert enough to have shot down five or more enemy planes, earning him the title of an ace.

Colonel Thornberg and William Yelland became close friends during those war years. The pilot told his art student friend that one day when he returned to his native Bay Area, it was his dream to build a village of his own that would be ideal for teachers, students and scholars to live in together. This village would be patterned after the beautiful and quaint Medieval villages he had seen in Normandy during his leaves from the front.

The buildings at Thornberg Village are composed of two or more apartment units in what look from

the outside like individual residences built in Northern France circa 1400 to 1500. Each structure is unique, and every one has rich, hand-made architectural details on both their exterior and interior. The section between 1817 and 1839 Spruce Street was designed in 1927, and was constructed mostly in 1928. The separate section between 1781 and 1783 Spruce Street is called Normandy Towers, and was constructed mostly in 1929.

The style of the buildings at Thornberg Village is a whimsical version of the half-timbered late Medieval homes found in Normandy. Because of its humorous exaggerated details, this style is not strictly Normandy Period Revival, but instead was referred to as Hansel and Gretel by contemporary architectural critics. Most of Yelland's designs in the Bay Area are in the Hansel and Gretel version of various Medieval Revival modes.

Some examples of the whimsical

detailing at Thornberg Village include: crazy exaggerated half-timbering; faceted gargoyles; tall, tapered chimneys; and others that are whimsical in shape of thimble-shaped finials (frescoes) of roses, grapevines, and branches in full colors.

At 2277 Shattuck Avenue, the Hansel and Gretel style is another example of Yelland's whimsical style. The house was built by Yelland and his wife, Elizabeth, in 1928. It is a whimsical version of the Hansel and Gretel style, with a half-timbered exterior and a whimsical interior. The house is still standing, and is still using primary colors.

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Yelland's architecture can be seen in Berkeley in the 1800 block of Spruce Street

## Sunrooms — Whimsical and Practical

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MACEDONIA, Ohio — The National Association of Home Builders estimates that Americans will spend an excess of \$89 billion on home remodeling projects. A significant number of those dollars will be spent on sunrooms.

The popularity of sunrooms is due in part to their emotional as well as practical appeal. "Sunrooms offer a rare combination of practicality and whimsy," explains Rick Jones, president of Patio Enclosures, Inc., an installer of custom sunrooms and solariums. A sunroom's dominance of glass creates an ambience which leads itself to countless uses.

Individuals dine, read, relax and entertain in the natural sunlight a sunroom provides. Families can picnic in sunrooms on rainy days, enjoy the warm summer breeze without the annoyance of summer insects, or enjoy their indoor garden.

A sunroom can serve as a home

office, a playroom or an entertainment area.

According to Jones, "A sunroom will increase a home's appeal as well as adding to its value." Qualified Remodeler magazine finds that among the essential elements of a modern home include skylights and sunrooms while Money magazine indicates that sunroom owners can expect to recoup 70% of the \$22,000 average cost of a sunroom at the time of a resale.

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325 Kitty Hawk Rd #314 - \$170,000  
2047 Lincoln Av - \$175,000  
758 Santa Clara Av - \$310,000  
620 Waterview Isle - \$433,000

### ALBANY

555 Pierce St #1434 - \$208,000  
545 Pierce St #3202 - \$215,000

### BERKELEY

1908 8th St - \$390,000  
2220 Derby St - \$410,000  
2740 Derby St - \$940,000  
971 Euclid Av - \$840,000  
940 Fresno Av - \$501,000  
1173 Hearst Av - \$399,500  
85 Kensington Rd - \$300,000  
2511 McGee Av - \$155,000  
2244 McKinley Av - \$503,000  
1340 Oxford St - \$480,000  
1215 Ward St - \$247,000

### EL CERRITO

860 Bates Av - \$350,000  
1405 Brewster Dr - \$491,000  
7424 Rockway Av - \$360,000  
7210 View Av - \$922,500  
21 Wildwood Pl - \$245,000

### EL SOBRANTE

3996 La Colina Rd - \$159,000

### EMERYVILLE

1 Captain Dr #451 - \$300,000

### KENSINGTON

250 Lake Dr - \$617,000

### OAKLAND

1901 106th Av - \$181,000  
2225 12th Av - \$100,000  
2001 18th Av - \$148,000  
949 39th St - \$155,500  
422 44th St - \$327,000  
1521 53rd Av - \$149,000  
1115 60th Av - \$154,000  
366 61st St #434 - \$120,000  
389 61st St - \$650,000

608 61st St - \$220,000  
987 61st St - \$180,000  
1301 97th Av - \$112,000  
2804 Adeline St - \$140,000  
561 Aileen St - \$370,000  
617 Aileen St - \$375,000  
1 Anair Wy - \$184,000  
565 Bellevue Av #2303 - \$315,000  
3100 Birdsall Av - \$300,000  
200 Caldecott Ln #49 - \$269,000  
5100 Camden St - \$195,000  
39 Camelford Pl - \$465,000  
5917 Contra Costa Rd - \$949,000  
2231 Durant Av - \$200,500  
2615 Durant Av - \$131,000  
8041 Earl St - \$135,000  
2207 East 19th St - \$143,000  
506 East 19th St - \$182,000  
521 East 20th St - \$310,000  
2425 East 21st St - \$288,000  
5 Embarcadero #221 - \$85,000  
1610 Excelsior Av - \$270,000  
3016 Florida St - \$211,500  
7973 Fontaine St - \$195,000  
801 Franklin St #217 - \$150,000  
801 Franklin St #802 - \$160,000  
3668 Green Acre Rd - \$239,000  
71 Hazelwood Ct - \$113,000  
5840 Heron Dr - \$182,500  
2111 High St - \$125,000  
2330 Humboldt Av - \$166,000  
8101 Idlewood St - \$162,000  
234 Inverness Ct - \$369,000  
16 Kimberley Ct - \$550,000  
48 Kingwood Rd - \$395,000  
1110 Linden St - \$130,000  
1428 Madison St #201 - \$65,000  
3726 Magee Av - \$259,000  
3001 Maple Av - \$165,000  
323 Monte Vista Av - \$103,000  
8751 Mountain Bl #19 - \$159,000  
5336 Normandie Av - \$245,000  
425 Orange St #315 - \$70,000  
7901 Outlook Av - \$335,000  
4506 Pampas Av - \$255,000  
155 Pearl St - \$82,500  
345 Pershing Dr - \$1,466,000  
3 Schooner Hill - \$595,000  
106 Sheridan Rd - \$635,000  
117 Sheridan Rd - \$1,300,000  
6344 Snake Rd - \$800,000  
11250 Sun Valley Dr - \$313,000  
2721 Sunset Av - \$135,000

4204 Terrace St - \$249,000

### RICHMOND

658 12th St - \$170,000  
540 25th St - \$222,500  
420 31st St - \$190,000  
935 35th St - \$180,000  
775 39th St - \$156,000  
151 7th St - \$150,000  
717 Amador St - \$193,500  
3033 Andrade Av - \$175,000  
701 Appian Wy - \$162,000  
1811 Burbeck Av - \$125,000  
1811 Bush Av - \$115,000  
6200 Columbia Av - \$177,000  
5498 Deer Run Dr - \$312,000  
2560 Duke Av - \$208,000  
4850 El Grande Pl - \$286,500  
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13517 Aurora Dr #13 - \$194,500  
275 Bellevue Dr - \$216,000  
1316 Benedict Dr - \$265,000  
14492 Cypress St - \$268,000  
14835 East 14th St #22 - \$155,000  
14548 Elm St - \$229,500  
1059 Grace St - \$243,000  
2499 Heathrow Ln - \$250,000  
1574 Lewelling Bl - \$319,500  
1965 Manchester Rd - \$243,000  
15515 Montreal St - \$235,000  
14382 Outrigger Dr - \$210,000  
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### SAN LORENZO

16124 Via Conejo - \$225,000

### On the average

#### ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 6  
LOWEST AMT: \$170,000  
HIGHEST AMT: \$433,000  
MEDIAN AMT: \$310,000  
AVG. AMT: \$304,167

#### ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST AMT: \$208,000  
HIGHEST AMT: \$215,000  
MEDIAN AMT: 0.00  
AVG. AMT: \$211,500

#### BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 11  
LOWEST AMT: \$155,000  
HIGHEST AMT: \$940,000  
MEDIAN AMT: \$399,500  
AVG. AMT: \$469,591

#### EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 5  
LOWEST AMT: \$245,000  
HIGHEST AMT: \$922,500  
MEDIAN AMT: \$350,000  
AVG. AMT: \$473,700

#### EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 1  
LOWEST AMT: \$159,000  
HIGHEST AMT: \$159,000  
MEDIAN AMT: \$ 0.00  
AVG. AMT: \$159,000

#### EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 1  
LOWEST AMT: \$300,000  
HIGHEST AMT: \$300,000  
MEDIAN AMT: \$ 0.00  
AVG. AMT: \$300,000

#### KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1  
LOWEST AMT: \$617,000  
HIGHEST AMT: \$617,000  
MEDIAN AMT: \$ 0.00  
AVG. AMT: \$617,000

#### OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 63  
LOWEST AMT: \$ 65,000  
HIGHEST AMT: \$1,466,000  
MEDIAN AMT: \$ 195,000  
AVG. AMT: \$ 298,611

#### RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 29

LOWEST AMT: \$115,000  
HIGHEST AMT: \$312,000  
MEDIAN AMT: \$180,000  
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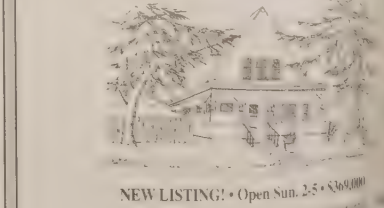
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# Wilson

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Gothic style, but introducing some Renaissance motifs as well.

The Tupper and Reed Music Store has a Medieval steeply pitched gable, half-timbering, and an overhang. But it also has a half devil, half ram's head grotesque face on one wall of its outer courtyard.

A grotesque was a whimsical Renaissance substitute for a gargoyle, since by 1600 people in most parts of Northern Europe did not believe in the power of gargoyles to ward off evil spirits.

This English Hansel and Gretel building also has a gallery, or open balustraded balcony above its exterior courtyard. Galleries were first introduced to England in the late 16th century, and the globe Theater in London had several of them. The walls of this unique commercial building were covered in vines until recently, but most of them have been removed. The original prancing piper metal weather vane still stands on top of the chimney.

Another prominent commercial building designed by William Yelland is in Kensington. At 299 Arlington Avenue at Amherst Road is the Kens-

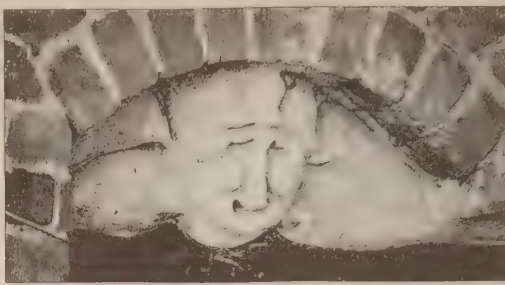
ington Pharmacy. This building was designed in 1928, and is less typical of Yelland's work because it is in the Spanish Colonial style. However, it still displays the meticulous craftsmanship of Yelland's other designs, with its textured stucco walls, cast iron decorations and an unusual five-sided corner pavilion.

One other prominent residence that is attributed to Yelland is located in San Francisco's Presidio Heights District.

At the western end of Washington Street at the corner of Arguello Boulevard, just inside the gates of Presidio Terrace, there is a mammoth Normandy Revival Hansel and Gretel style mansion. It was built circa 1925, and displays all the hallmarks of whimsical Medieval details of Yelland's East Bay designs.

According to an old Herb Caen column in the San Francisco Chronicle, this house belonged to Diane Feinstein when she was the mayor of San Francisco in the late 70s and early 80s.

In next week's column, we will examine the extraordinary craftsmanship and exquisite architectural detailing of the house and nearby duplex which William R. Yelland designed for Colonel Thornberg in Berkeley's Thornberg Village.



KATHY BAKER/STAFF



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UNUSUAL features of Yelland's architecture like these details from buildings on Spruce Street in Berkeley reflect his British background.



## Questions about chair rail molding and front doors

By Bernard Gladstone  
NEW YORK TIMES SPECIAL FEATURES

Q: I am installing a chair rail molding along the walls in my dining room and a long adjoining hall.

Since some walls are longer than any single length of available molding, I will have to join some lengths end-to-end in several places.

However, this poses a problem for me because in the past, even if I made a neat looking butt joint that was almost invisible at first, after a time the molding shrank and a slight gap became noticeable, even though the gap was filled with a crack filler of some kind. Is there a better way to make such joints working with ordinary hand tools?

A: The simplest way to splice lengths of baseboard or chair rail molding is to form a scarf joint where the lengths meet, rather than a simple butt joint.

Scarf joints are much less noticeable than butt joints and even if the molding does shrink, they show little or no gap.

To make a scarf joint you simply cut off the end of each piece of molding at a 45-degree angle so that the two ends will overlap when assembled (as shown in the illustration).

Coat the beveled ends with a little glue before assembling and secure the joint with one or two small finishing nails or brads.

Q: I had a new front door installed but it doesn't fit into its frame right.

The top corner along the hinge edge rubs against the jamb or frame when the door is opened or closed and the whole door seems slightly canted, or tilted at a slight angle, when fully closed.

There is a gap of almost a quarter inch at the bottom between the door and its frame along the hinge edge, and another gap at the top along the opposite edge of the door.

How can this be corrected without removing the door?

A: It sounds as though the door really needs to be taken off and then re-hung properly. At the top of the hinge edge where the door tends to stick or rub, it is probably because the hinge leaf is set too deeply into the edge of the door, or into the door jamb.

Sometimes simply shimming the hinge leaf out from the frame (or the edge of the door) by inserting a piece of cardboard behind the hinge leaf will do the trick, but there is also the

possibility that the hinge leaf at the bottom of the door was not set deep enough into the wood.

A carpenter should be able to straighten this out.

Q: The walls in our bedroom and



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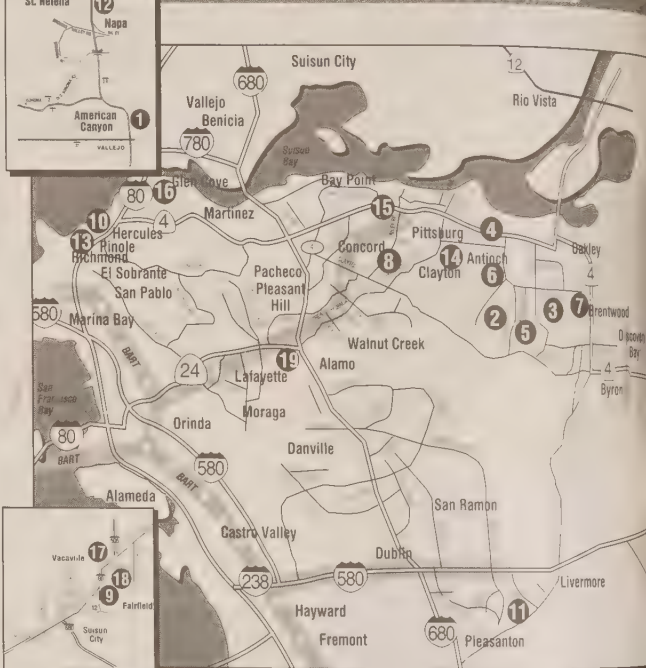
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mower last year, be sure to do it before using it this season.

A deglazing fluid is not the same as engine-starting fluid. If you feel the need, you can use both, but be sure the inside of your engine is thoroughly clean for a problem-free season of operation.

**Fuel tip:** If you have a choice, use a plastic fuel container instead of one made of metal. Metal containers eventually will rust, and the particles could be transported into the motor via the fuel.

Fresh gas and additives are important, but so is the spark plug. It should be replaced or removed and cleaned before your first startup each season. An arc of electricity is sent from the tip of the spark plug to an adjacent ground connected to the body of the spark plug. The best arc occurs when the contacts are clean and the distance between them is properly set. An "ignition" file (a tiny one) can be used to clean the contacts. The manufacturer of the lawn mower usually specifies the preset distance between the tip and the ground. The distance changes as the plug wears. A gauge to measure the distance is available for a buck or two. If you aren't very handy, you can buy a new plug.

## Check the air filter

All internal combustion engines must have air to operate properly. Dust filters prevent damage to the motor air intakes. The filter lets the air through, but not the dust. However, the filter eventually gets clogged with enough dirt so that air can't pass. When this happens, no air—or a reduced amount—is provided to the engine, and combustion can't take place. If your engine is

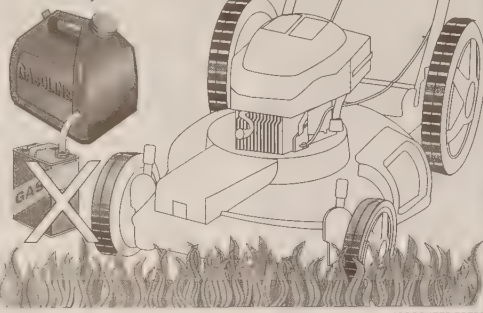
## Lawn mower troubleshooting

Keeping lawn mowers operating smoothly and out of the repair shop depends on observing basic maintenance procedures, especially at the beginning of each growing season.



The spark plug determines how easily your mower starts and operates. Replace it every season.

Always begin the new season with a fresh container of gas. A plastic fuel container is recommended, as metal containers can rust, contaminating the fuel with particles. Buy only the amount of gas that can be used in 30 days.



running roughly, check your air filter. Often, soapy water is all that is needed. Be sure to read your owner's manual to learn how to properly clean the air filter.

Don't begin using your lawn mower this year unless you first change the oil. Fresh oil in the correct amount is a must. Finally, be cer-

## Engine problems

### Engine will not start

1. Check control positions.
2. Check fuel.
3. Remove and inspect spark plug.
4. Take mower to servicing dealer.

### Loss of power, poor running

1. Check throttle position.
2. Check grass height.
3. Check under mower deck.
4. Check air filter.
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### Poor cutting

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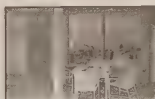
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# Installation 101: Photovoltaic system for home use

Part three of three parts  
By Pamela O'Malley Chang  
CORRESPONDENT

In the first two parts, writer and self-proclaimed fanatic environmentalist explained the process she went through learning about photovoltaic systems and their applicability to a house. In this week's story, she discusses the completion of the process and what it means for the future.

## PV Installation

Installing my photovoltaic system was straightforward. Gerber served as general contractor. He subcontracted electrical work, lined up a roofer, ordered materials, scheduled

work, handled permits and inspections, and processed paperwork for PG&E and the Emerging Renewables rebate.

In July, I had a contractor friend build supports to mount the PV electrical gear in the basement. In August, work began in earnest with the removal of my old roof. A three-person crew stripped and disposed of five previous tar-and-gravel roofs in a day. They left the bare wood roof deck broom-clean.

Next, Bill Pignanello of Custom Professional Roofing, a specialist in metal roofs, began his prep work. He replaced damaged 1-foot x 6-foot sheathing boards, re-routed vents to where they wouldn't cast shadows

on the solar panels and removed an abandoned brick chimney. While had the roof open, electricians ran low voltage wiring from the roof ridge, through the attic, and down to the basement.

Meanwhile, Gerber and I selected essential circuits to be connected to the emergency power supply - lights, refrigerator, furnace and some power outlets and I chose regal blue as the color for the non-PV pieces of my metal roof. Sun Light and Power's crew pre-assembled a 4-foot x 4-foot PV-service board consisting of disconnect switches, PV panel fusebox, battery charge monitor, DC/AC inverter, and the emergency power distribution panel. While Pignanello was

placing roofing felts and installing waterproof bituminous sheeting along the eaves and valleys of my roof, electricians mounted and wired my PV service panel and installed a PG&E-dedicated shut-off switch beside my electric meter.

The roof installation was scheduled for two weeks in mid-August. In fact, the manufacturer delayed delivery of various roof pieces and at times, Pignanello was forced to adjust standard methods or parts to fit around the PV components. My Unisolar roof was the first roof-integrated PV system that either Pignanello or Gerber had installed. They have since installed Unisolar roofs at the Temescal Co-housing project in Oakland and should have resolved the initial bugs.

Roof installation took no more than about 10 working days scattered over more than a month. Fortunately, the roof was watertight by late August when the roofing felts and bituminous membrane were in place. The PV installation was complete by the end of September and the city and PG&E signed off on it by mid-October.

## Why install photovoltaics?

You may not believe in global warming, but I am convinced. Too many news stories of receding glaciers, melting icecaps, longer growing seasons, thawing permafrost, record-breaking temperatures, increasingly-severe droughts, floods and storms, along with predictions of potentially-cataclysmic climate changes have seeped into my consciousness.

Too many thoughtful people have warned of the "greenhouse effect" of carbon dioxide and other industrial emissions to trap heat within the earth's atmosphere. I feel that we may ignore these warnings at our peril. To heed them will, at least, reduce our reliance on gas and oil and leave our air more breathable.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a group of 2,000 scientists appointed by the United Nations, recommended cutting current carbon dioxide emissions by 60



AN ELECTRICIAN wires the photovoltaic panels. All wiring will eventually be concealed under a metal ridge cap.

percent.

R. Udall, Director of the Aspen, Colorado Community Office for Resource Efficiency, notes that Americans (who comprise only 4.7 percent of the world's population) produce 23 percent of the world carbon dioxide emissions.

We can wait for our government or our major industries to address global warming or we can take to heart the saying, "If you want the job done right, do it yourself."

Udall estimates that his 1.8-kilowatt PV system reduces his house-

hold's carbon dioxide emissions 5,940 pounds annually. That's a fourth of the carbon dioxide emissions caused by the average American home, or a carbon dioxide savings equivalent to planting 100 trees every year.

PV electricity is renewable. It doesn't depend on burning gas or building nuclear power. Costs to produce PV power fluctuate with the price of silicon.

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PAMELA O'MALLEY CHANG

ONE OF THE FIRST steps in the installation process was to remove the old gravel and tar roof.

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## Solar

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ability of, say, Mideast oil. It is including during its operating life.

We found no energy audit data I would venture to assert that the output of a PV system far outweighs the energy spent during manufacture, shipping, and eventual disposal of its component parts: solar panels, wiring, batteries and related electrical gear.

PV systems are reliable. They have moving parts to wear out. Solar panels come with a 20-year warranty. Apparently, the earliest solar satellite-mounted photo-

voltic systems are still functioning. Sun Light and Power rarely sees problems with its installed systems. Almost no maintenance is required beyond washing the panels if they get dusty.

Photovoltaics are generally safe sources of electricity. Most of the system operates on direct current at voltages significantly less than 120-amps. The DC/AC inverter is the single source of extra-low-frequency (ELF) magnetic radiation, a suspected carcinogen.

Gerber had my system tested and found only background ELF levels at three feet from the inverter. The storage batteries, potential sources of flammable or explosive gases, are, in my system, lifetime-sealed Gel-Cell leak-proof batteries housed in their own metal box. Normal precautions of working with electrical

components still apply. No one has been able to tell me what will happen if my PV system is struck by lightning but as long as I am not drilling holes in my roof or re-wiring circuits, my risks are no higher than in homes that don't generate their own electricity.

My blue Unisolar metal roof is distinctive. I think it's handsome. Over its expected life span, it keeps at least three asphalt roofs out of the waste stream. My chemically sensitive next-door neighbor was pleased not to have to breathe tar fumes during my roof installation. The metal roof is also easily recyclable at the end of its life. In the rain, it makes a muffled, comforting, background noise.

There are a few bonuses to my grid-inter-tie with battery backup PV system that accrue to me personally beyond the nebulous sense of doing good for the planet. First and most obvious, I now have emergency power. In the last power failure, most of my lights worked and I was in the process of testing and labeling my emergency power outlets when the grid came back on.

Second, it turns out that with a battery-backup PV system, the inverter corrects for any spikes or brownout conditions in PG&E's supply. In effect, I have surge protection on all of my emergency circuits.

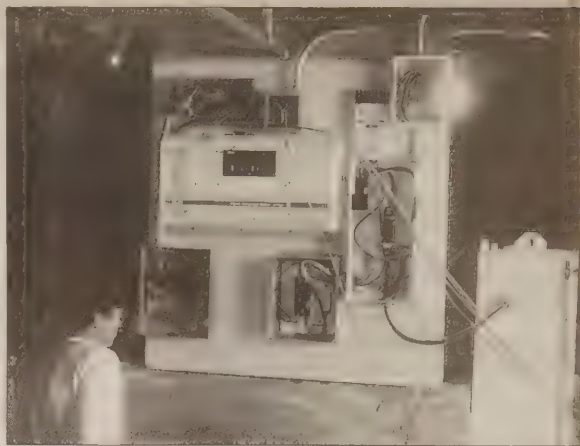
Finally, having the PV system inspires me to pay attention to my electricity use. I find myself checking the meter once, twice or more each week and am always pleased to see the meter running backwards. So far, my electric bills show only a \$5 monthly distribution-service fee. (Think of it as a bank deposit box charge.) I expect my once-a-year electricity bill to be zero.

Is PV right for you? I can't say, but for myself, I'm happier with my PV system than with a new car.

We aren't there yet, but I'm hoping that the science fiction vision of a solar panel on every rooftop may yet come true.

Pamela O'Malley Chang is a civil engineer, Berkeley architect and Green Resource Center volunteer.

**THE PHOTOVOLTAIC** service board was installed by an electrician in the interior of the house, at right, while, below, the finished roof has both 18-foot and 9-foot photovoltaic panels.



## New products for homes

Some products to consider as you improve your house:

Something new from Andersen: a pair of classic French doors. Frenchwood hinged doors can be installed in a 4-foot, 1-inch rough opening, and matching 2-foot-wide transoms are available. The company also continues to evolve its casement models. New versions have aligned extension jamb rollers, longer hinges, heavier frames and redesigned locks.

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■ AmerTac has a line of Deco Style wallplates that have decorative prints with floral, animal, farm, cross-stitch and other motifs. They're available in both single and double toggle configurations and cost between \$4.99 and \$5.99.

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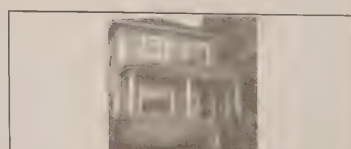
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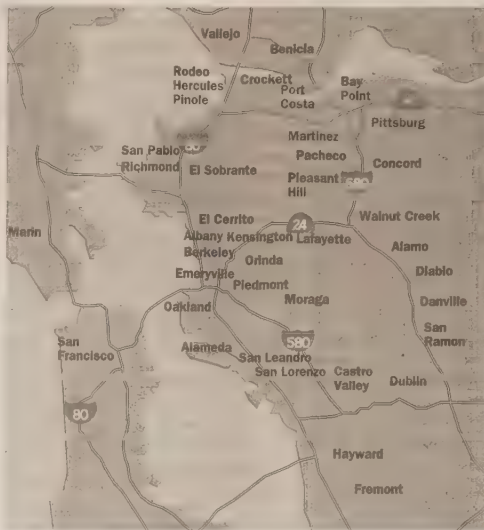
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
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
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John Swarts talks about his new speed oven in much the same way a proud parent talks about his honor roll student.

The difference is that Swarts' oven, introduced to the industry at the International Builders' Show in Dallas in January, is so new that it doesn't even have a name.

"Anybody have any ideas?" asked Swarts, product general manager of General Electric Co.'s appliance division in Louisville, Ky.

These days, new products for kitchens and baths are coming off the drawing boards faster than manufacturers can find names for them.

The reason is simple: Kitchen and bath styles change faster than those for just about any other part of the house.

"Our lifestyles have been changing so quickly," said Gary Schaal, vice president of sales and marketing for Orleans Corp. in Bensalem, Pa. "We're all running crazy — running crazy at work, running crazy taking kids to practices, piano lessons and the like."

"We need something quick and easy, and kitchens with appliances that can cook dinners quickly and easily are what buyers want," he said.

GE's speed oven, which resembles a microwave and is 30 inches wide, uses three halogen lamps to reduce cooking time. It can bake a potato in 10 minutes and roast a whole chicken in 20 minutes, with no need for preheating. The price: \$1,000 to \$1,200, according to Swarts.

Bathrooms, too, are changing, becoming as much places of refuge

as centers of personal hygiene.

"The bathroom has become the only place an adult can get away from things and relax," Schaal said.

The bathroom has become a place of soaking tubs and multiple-head showers and even bidets, which have been instruments of personal hygiene in Europe for years.

"It's the only place in the house that we can call our own," said Mary Jo Peterson, a kitchen designer from Brookfield, Conn.

Kohler, one of the nation's leading manufacturers of bathroom fixtures, has tapped into this need to relax with its RiverBath, which retails for \$6,600, according to Kohler spokeswoman Jill M. Cavil.

As you recline in this whirlpool that's large enough to accommodate two or more people, you can choose to ride whitewater rapids, lie with your head on a comfortable headrest as a waterfall massages you, or merely allow the water to swirl about your legs.

If all of these innovations in use, design and technology are unfamiliar to you, you might be asking who exactly are these kitchens and bathrooms being designed for?

According to Schaal, you aren't going to be finding these innovations in lower-end, affordable houses.

"We're talking about houses starting at \$400,000 to \$500,000," said Schaal, who has been in the new-home business in this area for 25 years and has seen just about every fad and trend. "And a lot of what's new hasn't arrived here yet."

But like the first-floor master suite, which area builders and buyers resisted until two years ago be-

cause of concerns over resale, these trends will reach here soon.

"We're still designing kitchens and baths for the perfect family — Mom, Dad and the two children, but Mom and Dad are having lots of birthdays," Peterson said. "The average age of the woman we're designing for is 50 and the man is 54."

"Multiple kitchens are becoming common in any home starting at \$225,000," Edwards said. At that price range, the second kitchen is actually a juice or coffee bar found in master suites.

Is this an example of conspicuous consumption? Not really. More and more of today's buyers are planning to age in place, meaning that the house they buy now likely will be their house for as long as they are able to live on their own.

The mini-kitchen can add time by turning the master suite into a somewhat self-contained apartment. Peterson pointed to several recent products — refrigerators and dishwashers in drawers and a combination rotisserie, cooktop and convection oven about the size of a microwave — that can accomplish this.

Mini-kitchens also are finding their way into the rooms of "boomerang kids" — the older children who have moved back home, granny flats, family rooms and patios, according to Edwards.

Kitchen design is beginning to change from a room full of conventional cabinetry, fitted in line and linked by countertops, to a series of self-contained workstations.

These workstations have more of the look of furniture, and, according to designer David Beer of

Yestertec Design Co. of Center Valley, Pa., are more expensive per linear foot than cabinetry "because they have three finished sides, bases, cornice, countertop edges and panel that hide appliances."

On the plus side, the workstation set-up "is more efficient, and the quantity of cabinetry needed for the kitchen goes down," he said.

While Beer said there is nothing wrong with an in-line kitchen, 80 percent of all kitchens open to adjacent space, and the unfitted-furniture workstations "allow us to personalize the kitchen and carry the themes of other rooms into it."

This is much easier to do in a new house than an old one, but such a remodeling project is not difficult, according to Greg Gibson, of Mike Rosen & Associates in Philadelphia.

"Kitchens and bathrooms are the primary place that remodeling dollars are being put these days," Gibson said. "Today's lifestyle is anchored in the kitchen, breakfast areas, family room and associated spaces. It is a smart place to put



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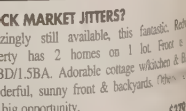
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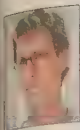
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PETER MENTOR

In the Game

## A toast to you and good-bye

Good-bye. I tried to come up with a better beginning for my final column, but that was the one that seemed most appropriate.

It is with a slightly heavy heart that I sign off from my post as sports editor of this newspaper chain. After nine years of covering sports in El Cerrito, Berkeley, Albany, Kensington, Oakland and Piedmont, I am off to find fortune in the dot.com world of the Internet.

Fame, as it is, can only buy so much food at the local grocery store. I say that jokingly, because the people who know me understand that I did this job purely for the love of it.

Overall it has been a wonderful tenure. I value the coaches who have seen me through this wild trip, the athletes who have come and gone, and the parents and fans who have read my articles, corrected my mistakes and made me feel like a part of the action.

I have been a reporter under two sports editors and an editor over numerous reporters. My co-workers have come and gone from the business and some remain friends, especially former photographer Jeff Lindquist, whose art graced my work for so many years.

I believe my relationship with the community has been one of advocacy and fairness. I am not a rah-rah writer, but I did try to dwell on the positive side of sports. I also wanted to bring women's sports into equal light, and I often wrote about those "non-major sports" that actually have a huge following.

An emphasis on high school sports has created a base of readers that changes every four years, unless there were sisters or brothers who have followed. For them, my name will be scrapbook material atop their glorious reviews.

Many of the coaches and athletic directors whom I met during my first year here in 1991 are still coaching. My favorites are those who gave me the straight dope, regardless of whether the news was good or bad.

Athletes I covered that first year are now in their late 20s, and some of them are even coaches. I remember them all.

I have fond memories of the champions; the Berkeley girls basketball teams with Tandra Rucker and Aisha Hollans; the El Cerrito boys basketball team with Andrew Gooden; the St. Mary's football and track teams; Albany's volleyball teams.

St. Mary's athletic director Dan Shaughnessy and stoic El Cerrito AD/football coach Frank Milo have been there forever. They were of great help. Shag always made me laugh and often gave me quotable gems.

Berkeley went through a number of AD's, but the constant guy there was basketball coach Gene Nakamura, who had to drive by my dental car for years on his way home to El Cerrito. Chris Huber, the gym rat coach of the Gauchos, will forever be Mr. El Cerrito basketball, even though he moved on last year.

The Lawsons — Jay, Donnie and their mom Carol — are among the St. Mary's family looking over the great athletes. Berkeley's Keith Conning, the dean of California track news, also fits into that mold of cornerstone for athletes and their endeavors.

Albany coach Doug Kagawa, one of the most honest and sincere guys around, provided me with insight on all the Cougar teams.

One of my favorite kinds of reader were the parents who not only commented on my articles about their kids during their children's time at a school, but who watched the home team long after their kids were in college or off to work.

Many of you may not have connected my face with my name or even known my name. For a long time I was that guy from the Berkeley Voice or the Journal.

You may have seen me in the stands or on the sideline, my faded plaid bag

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JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

A'S FANS SAVIO LEARDINI AND FAITH VIERY cheered for the Pacific Coast League Sacramento River Cats Tuesday night at the Coliseum.

## River Cats bring PCL baseball back home

Sacramento team's brief stint in Oakland rekindles memories of Oaks and Seals

By Mike McGreehan

STAFF WRITER

Tony Ragusa was a batboy for the Sacramento Solons of the Pacific Coast League when the original Edmonds Field burned down in 1948. Faith Viery and Savio Leardini spoke of trips to Oaks Ball Park in Emeryville. And those too young to experience the historic PCL first-hand recalled the many stories handed down to them by their elders.

Anyone who attended any of the four PCL games between the Sacramento River Cats and Calgary Cannons at the Network Associates Coliseum this week had reason to reminisce. The PCL had returned to the East Bay for the first time in 45 years. They also had reason to look ahead. Sacramento is the A's top minor-league affiliate with a roster loaded with big-league hopefuls.

"I'm anxious to see this guy who was minor league player of the year last year (third baseman Adam Piatt) as well as some of the others we've been reading about," said Ragusa, who traveled from Sacramento with friend Gordon Ingram.

Ragusa and Ingram had a long trek for the River Cats first "home" series this season. But fans living in the East Bay enjoyed a baseball treat.

The River Cats hoped to move into their new home, Raley Field, in time for the series with Calgary. But heavy rains in February put the stadium project be-

hind schedule. A smattering of fans, perhaps curious about A's prospects, or maybe just to witness something new, happily greeted the Cats at the Coliseum.

"It's something we've been waiting for a long time," said Viery. "We're starved for minor-league ball. And having it in our own back yard, so to speak, we don't have to go very far."

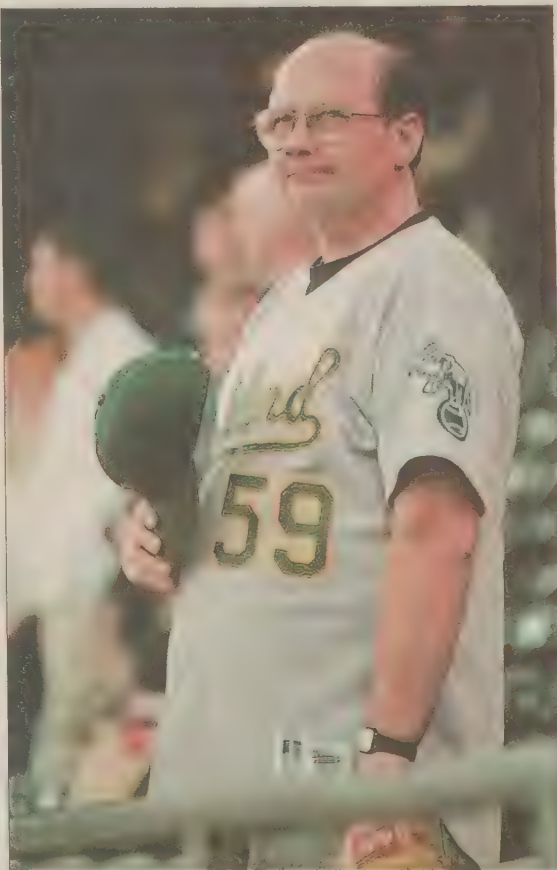
Added San Leandro native Don Rappold, "I had nothing else to do on a Tuesday night. Maybe just to see some of the future stars of the A's."

Sacramento opened its series with Calgary on Tuesday night. The teams played a doubleheader (two seven-inning games) Wednesday afternoon, then completed their series Thursday night.

Piatt didn't play Tuesday as former A's player Mark Bellhorn started at third base. But Ragusa and others couldn't have been too disappointed. Sacramento broke a 3-3 tie with nine runs in the fifth en route to a 15-4 win. The River Cats pounded out 18 hits, getting a rise out of the small but enthusiastic crowd (generously reported as 2,188).

Sacramento's win only fueled the passions that have run high in both Sacramento and Oakland since last season. As the Vancouver Canadians last year, the team won the AAA World Series.

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JOANNA JHANDA

DON RAPPOLD, a life-long A's fan, stood for the National Anthem as Pacific Coast League baseball briefly returned to the Coliseum.

## Wings of gold for Berkeley's Margain

Jacket senior runs fastest 200 in nation, distance medley relay team best ever

By Peter Mentor

SPORTS EDITOR

Berkeley High sprinter Aisha Margain might as well have golden wings on her shoes.

The Yellowjackets senior has become one of the elite high school sprinters in the nation after running the year's fastest 200-meter dash last Saturday at Mt. SAC Relays at Mount San Antonio College in Walnut.

Margain won the race in a wind-aided

23.10 seconds, just barely beating Monique Henderson (Morse-San Diego) in a photo finish. Henderson was clocked at 23.16.

"She had a great start," said Margain of Henderson. "I don't have a start. My starts are horrible. I'm trying to improve on the front half of my race."

It's scary to think just what Margain might do if she ever develops a great start, considering her times this season.

"It was an immaculate race," said

Berkeley assistant track coach Humphrey Garrett. "She came from behind. (Henderson) got out really fast and Aisha just ran her down. It was a photo finish, but when we saw the photo the distance was greater than we thought."

Because the wind was gusting at a heavy 4.0 meters per second, the mark does not qualify as legal. That doesn't matter too much to Margain, who already held the fastest legal time after winning the Arcadia meet in 23.85 in another

photo finish a week earlier. Margain was just ahead of Angel Perkins (Gahr), who placed second in 23.93.

Other runners will be looking at Margain's Mt. SAC time, because she ran it with legs that had already carried her through two other relay races.

### National record

One of those races was as a member

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# Breaks don't fall Gauchos' way

By Scott Strain  
CORRESPONDENT

The way El Cerrito High School baseball coach Dennis Abel sees it, the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League season is just one long seeding meeting.

"It would be better if we played a double round robin, and dispensed with the playoffs," he said. "We'd get two spots in the North Coast Section and the third-place team could bid for an at-large berth. But this is the way it is now."

The Gauchos (9-4, 4-2) are currently in fourth place after dropping an important 4-2 game to league leader Piedmont High Wednesday afternoon at Cerrito Vista Park. El Cerrito is currently behind the Highlanders, Encinal and St. Mary's, the last two of which are tied for second.

El Cerrito plays host to De Anza today in an ACCAL game before playing Dublin in the opening round of the Willie Stargell Easter Classic Saturday afternoon at the College of Alameda. The Gauchos should win against the Dons, which would put them solidly in third place.

A victory over Piedmont would have jammed four teams atop the ACCAL, but it wasn't to be. For the first time in years against this team, the Highlanders got enough breaks to hold onto the victory.

Piedmont starter Matt Shartsis pitched five innings and allowed two runs on five hits. Relief pitcher Danny Rubenstein pitched two innings and didn't give up a hit, but was in trouble both innings.

Piedmont ripped starter Edwin Reyes for three hits in his first six pitches and took a 3-0 lead after one inning. Reyes almost got out trouble down just 1-0, but with runners on second and third, he uncorked a wild pitch that scored Mike Gordon from third. Momentarily exasperated, Reyes gave up a run-scoring double to Ryan Tovani for 3-0.

"That was a big break for them," Abel said. "He (Reyes) doesn't throw a wild pitch and maybe we get out of the inning."

Piedmont got another break in the third when El Cerrito scored its first run. With two out and none on, Ken Hirose was safe on an error, David Rose got an infield single and Joe McBride walked to load the bases. Hirose scored when Andy Davaran was hit by a pitch.

Jamonte Cox then smoked a Shartsis fastball toward the hole between first and second. Second baseman Mike Gordon, shading Cox to the first-base bag, grabbed the line drive about 18 inches off the ground for the third out.

Tovani hit a solo home run off Reyes in the fourth inning at 4-1, but El Cer-

rito threatened again in the bottom of the fifth. With one out, Hirose singled to center and after Rose lined out, went to third when Mark Mulholland's dropped McBride's fly ball in right field for a two-base error.

Davaran hit a slow chopper to the right of Shartsis, who threw late to first. Hirose scored on the play at 4-2. But Davaran got picked off first for the third out.

The Gauchos had their last chance to score in the sixth and it was beautiful. Cox walked to lead off the inning, but was almost doubled up when Mark Connor smashed a hard liner to third baseman Ben Kremen. Cox got back to first just time.

Cox stole second and went to third on a wild pitch. Kelly Jay tried to squeeze him home, but struck out and Cox got hung up between third and home. Catcher Drew Olson tagged Cox out to complete the double play and end the inning.

"I thought we had our chances," Abel said. "He (Shartsis) was getting tired and I thought we were getting to him. We thought the bunt play would work. We needed a break."

On this day, Piedmont got all the breaks. For the Highlanders, it had been a long time coming.

## PCL

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"A lot of these guys would be in the majors with other organizations," says Oakland resident Jeffrey Berchenko, who attended Tuesday night's game with daughter Pearl. "I'm really looking forward to seeing the stars of the future. There's a lot of guys here I've got my eyes on, including (infielder) Josue Espada and (outfielder) Mario Encarnacion. The River Cats look like they could beat some major league teams."

"Those guys are going to be future stars," added Lil Bartholo of Novato, seated next to the Berchenkos. "(Encarnacion) has got the speed. He's got the arm."

Though the Athletics rank low among major league teams in terms of payroll, they have an abundance of talent. The A's will need to find a new position for Platt, with Eric Chavez looking to be a fixture at third base for years to come.

Center fielder Terrence Long, who the A's received from the Mets in the Kenny Rogers deal last year, might have a short tenure with the River Cats, too. Oakland also has high hopes for Encarnacion. Catcher A.J. Hinch played with the parent club last year and hopes to return soon.

"We've gone to spring training for five or six weeks every year for 17 years," says Viery. "We've seen many of these (River Cats) players at spring training. But they look so different in these clothes (the maroon tops and white pinstriped pants of the River Cats). We're used to the green."

Viery and Leardini are A's season ticket holders from Vallejo. They sat behind the A's dugout Tuesday night and greeted many of the players as they

emerged from the clubhouse tunnel. Some of the players even greeted Viery, Leardini and some of the other fans near the railing, shaking hands and signing autographs. It was a most congenial atmosphere.

To make things even cozier, the upper decks were closed. Fans mostly concentrated themselves in the lower first deck from third base to first.

Chris Balemi of Oakland, seated near Viery and Leardini, brought his collection of minor league baseball cards.

"I get them signed," said Balemi. "I go to San Jose Giants games when they play the A's A-ball teams (Modesto A's and Visalia Oaks). I'll probably go to a couple Sacramento games (in Sacramento) this year. My motto is one autograph every time I come to the game. That's my hobby."

A little higher up in the stands, Rappold sat hopefully as he wore a baseball glove on his left hand for foul balls.

"I figured I have a chance," said Rappold. "There's not going to be many people here."

Fans of all ages were eager to see the A's minor-league prospects. But even though the PCL is no longer the toast of West Coast baseball that it was, a sense of history still was present in the park.

PCL baseball disappeared from the East Bay when the Oaks left after the 1955 season. Another chapter of Bay Area baseball history closed when the Seals left San Francisco two years later. Despite the passing of more than four decades, stories of the Oaks-Seals rivalry still live.

"The Oaks and the Seals, what a battle," said Leardini, 83, who also happened to attend school with former Oaks and Seals star Brooks Holder.

Most fans Tuesday night were too young to remember the Oaks and Seals. But they knew their history.

## Mentor

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hanging from my shoulder, a pen and notebook in my hand. My bag ripped open recently, giving me a sign it was time to hang it all up. My former chiropractor Joe Ball, who also adjusted Raiders' coaches and many local athletes, was against that bag anyway as it twisted my lanky frame. If not for him I would surely have lost my string of working every day without a sick day for nine years.

To the Oakland Raiders, who allowed me to fly around with them on their plane for two years and treated me to the inside view of a professional team, I thank you as well.

The youth sports people, includ-

ing the kids who eventually went into high school and the coaches who are still serving as guides for athletes, are need to be commended.

All of this seems so corny in some ways, but it is truly from the heart. There were so many people who touched me. The cynicism of many sports reporters always made me an outsider in that clan. I was often asked by readers "when was I going to move up to the big time." That question, to me, was similar to asking a high school teacher when he or she was going to become a college professor. I truly liked working with the high school kids.

I now have a child of my own, 3-year-old Laurel, who has written a few columns (with a ghostwriter) for this paper. My little one needs new clothes, so I need to move from this

"entry-level position" to a more lucrative field. My wife Kathy knows how much time I have put into this work. She also knows how much it has meant to me to be a part of this scene. She went along with my madness, even though it often eclipsed family life.

I am especially proud of covering the East Bay, with all its raw talent and unpredictability. There are a lot of quirks and a few jerks, but overall it filled with some very special people. I may try keeping a hand in the sportswriting business as a freelancer, but only time will tell.

A toast to you dear readers. I'll lift my glass, most likely shared with my good friends at the Kensington Circus Pub with manager James Heany this Saturday night, to your good health and happiness.

ners Traci Estell, Raqueta Margain, Maya Chappell, Tatiana Newman. Brooks placed fourth in the 100 hurdles in 15.06 in the seeded section.

In the boys invitational, Daved Diggs placed sixth in the 110-meter hurdles in 14.62.

Berkeley's Justin Cary didn't get to go down south with the Yellowjackets stars. But he made the most of staying in the Bay Area by taking second in the 800 at the Hampton-Phillips Classic at Silver Creek-San Jose. Cary stayed with Mission San Jose's Micah Strom and got second in the race in an area-leading 1:56.54. Strom won in 1:55.50.

### St. Mary's jumping

St. Mary's triple jumper Asokah Muhammad burst onto the scene in his freshman year with a leap of 44 feet, 23/4 inches. Two years later Muhammad had improved, but he also seemed to have been passed by teammates Solomon Welch and Trestin George.

Muhammad made a nice comeback last weekend, finishing second in the boys triple jump at Mt. SAC with a wind-aided 47-1. The junior was also the top American finisher at the meet. First place was claimed by China's Ya Peng Sheng at a wind-aided 49-61/4.

## ALBANY-BERKELEY SOFTBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

By Lucia Hecht  
Games as of April 15

### Micro Division

#### Sole Salton Sunbeams

##### The Tiddlywinks

Rain threatened much of the morning, but sunshine (maybe thanks to the Sunbeams) came at game time. The girls were ready.

With the Tiddlywinks in the field, the Sunbeams spread the ball around in the first inning. Highlighting this display of offense was Sonia Peltz-Currie's single to first, Maggy DiCastanzo's single to third, and Annelise Finney's single down the middle. Zoe Pollock of the Tiddlywinks fielded a number of grounders from her pitcher position.

Pollock then led off her team's half of the inning with a single of her own. Isabella Vergun knocked in the first run of the day for the Tiddlywinks, and Sunbeam Christina Lowe caught the ball for a putout at first.

In the Sunbeams' second Lotte Gallegos singled to second. Sara Herman, playing pitcher in the second, equalled her teammate Pollock's fielding efforts at that position, and then singled to lead off the Tiddlywink second with a single of her own. Soon after, Maria Price-Hansen, playing in her first game, tallied an RBI with a hit to first. Defensively, the Sunbeams' Peltz-Currie handled everything that came at her.

The girls from both teams again showed that their sportsmanship equals their athletic efforts by cheering each other after the game.

#### Andronicos All Stars

##### Tiddlywinks

Despite soggy conditions, the Andronicos All Stars and the Tiddlywinks did better than the San Francisco Giants. All Star Phoebe Trout pitched like a pro, while Dominique Hall and Sydney Morrone roamed the outfield with teammates Zia Walker and Ellie Arkin. Power hitter Michelle Rompel nearly decapitated the pitcher in her first cut with live pitching.

The Tiddlywinks were tough competition. All eyes were on Elena Jacobs-Pontocorvo when she slammed the ball to the outfield. Dorothy Gray and Aisha Ferrazares provided vigilant fielding, and third base was held tight by Madeleine Whittle. Elizabeth Allen can really run.

### Younger Division

#### Red Oak Realty Sluggers 15

##### Dr. Brehnan's Smilemakers 10

In the second Saturday game of the season, both the Sluggers and Smilemakers demonstrated good sportsmanship and excellent hitting throughout the three-inning game.

With only six players available, the Smilemakers held their own against the Sluggers. In the top of the first inning,

Smilemaker Willa Keegan Rode-wald hit a single to right field to load the bases. Mary Creedon later singled to again load the bases. At first base, Jenna Brotsky scooped up a line drive to beat the runner to the base for an out. Creedon followed with an out at third and shortstop Rachel Masterson succeeded in fielding the third out of the inning.

The Sluggers had a good day with strong base hits as well as outstanding defensive plays. Brenna Ritchie-Boland had an excellent day of fielding. Paired in the first inning with shortstop, Sarah Burger, this dynamic duo was responsible for making two spectacular outs in the first inning.

In the second inning, Ritchie-Boland caught two carefully placed throws

from pitcher, Emily Radcliffe, to make outs at first base. The second and third innings produced a flurry of hits for the Sluggers, Ratcliff's towering drive to left field drove Marina Hunt home from second base. Sasha Ginzberg slugged three base hits throughout the game. Serena Sonderegger, Aniya Whitfield, Peggy Seale and Madeleine Luckel all drove runs in with their strong base hits.

In the second inning, Smilemaker, Sabina Khan stopped a line drive and threw it to first baseman Masterson for the out. In the third inning, Smilemaker Johanna Alhorn Heyer produced two solid hits to left field, driving in a run with her second hit of the inning.

Both teams show promise for a strong season based on this well-played early season game.

#### Davitt Felder Steps

##### Royals 4

#### Nelson, Meyer, Kasrovi & Ung Bandits 15

In a game marked by stunning plays around the field, the Bandits held off the Royals on Saturday in the final game before both teams headed for spring vacation.

Before an appreciative near-capacity crowd at James Kenney field, both teams demonstrated the importance of good defense in the four-inning game. The Royals jumped out to a seven-run lead, thanks to timely hitting started by Yasmin Louie and Julia Overway. Liza Corr, Grace Dixon and Maya Drexler, who all had multiple hits during the game, each got important hits in the first inning to score runs.

But the Bandits fought back, holding the Royals scoreless in the second with especially fine plays by Rachel Chazin Grey, who made two putouts playing first base, and by shortstop Stacy Buell, who tagged out a runner trying for third. The Bandit hitting comeback was sparked by the irrepressible Jessica West, who had four hits and scored four runs. Megan Derwin-Ackerman not only had three hits, but also as pitcher, made an unassisted putout at home plate. Haley Kleine added two hard-hit singles, and made an excellent play to keep a ball from getting past her in left field. For the Royals, the always-tough Emily Cooper played especially strong defense.

### Middle Division

#### Acrylic Art 10

#### Jesse Young Construction 0

This well-pitched game was close until the fourth inning when Acrylic Art broke out for eight runs and walked away with a 10-0 victory.

Lindsey Guinan led the big inning with a double and was supported with solid hits by Amaya Fernandez, Nakida Godno, Xochitil Sosa-Campbell, Felina Tombokos, Danielle Schnur and Kate Guinan. Two of the runs scored on bang-bang plays at home plate.

Jesse Young had several good scoring opportunities, starting in the second inning when Hannah

Pollack led off with a liner through the pitcher's glove. Pollack was ultimately stranded on third. Adrian Gebhart and Lauren Ward also hit safely and advanced to scoring position before the fine defense and pitching of Acrylic Art ended the scoring threats.

The pitchers on both team consistently found the strike zone, keeping the pitching-coaches on the bench most of the time. Also, Acrylic Art demonstrated their sliding skills with two Maury Williams-quality slides into third base. Both teams look forward to the scheduled rematch in late May.

## ROUNDUP

## Berkeley baseball reaches finals at Grizzly Invite

STAFF REPORT

SAN RAMON — Berkeley High School's baseball team advanced to the championship round of the Grizzly Baseball Invitational with a 6-1 win against Castro Valley and a 20-0 romp against California's junior varsity squad Tuesday.

Julian Benavidez went 3-for-3 with two homers and four RBI to lead the Yellowjackets (7-4) over Castro Valley. John Ferguson allowed three hits and one run in six innings.

In East Bay Athletic League play last Friday, Berkeley managed just two hits in an 8-0 loss to Foothill. Berkeley fell to 3-3 in EBAL play.

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# Arts



**BILL MANN**  
Media Notes

## Stooges biopic 'soitenly' a good show

First, my apologies to many female readers today. Please feel free to skip this first item. It's about The Three Stooges.

OK, guys, now that we're alone, I want to tip you off to Monday night's movie (airing here on KGO-TV), "The Three Stooges." Curly Howard is the funniest physical comic I ever saw. I loved — still love — the Stooges (The Three, that is, the ones with Iggy Pop).

I figured Monday night's flick with Michael Chiklis ("Daddio," "The Commish") as Curly would either be a rip-off (I mean, who can play the great Curly), historically inaccurate, or both. I smelled rip-off.

And although Monday night's movie is more drama than comedy, it's surprisingly good movie. I can't believe how hard I laughed at this movie's dead-on recreations of some of the Three Knuckleheads' most famous slapstick bits from their two-reelers.

Fittingly, I previewed the biopic — introduced, ladies please note, by huge movie fan Mel Gibson — with a review of the Bay Area's preeminent filmologist, East Bay resident, radio programmer and longtime DJ (age 80.1, KRQR) Steve Garland is the kind of fan who actually attends the Three Stooges conventions. He's read all the books about them. Want to know where Larry was bar mitzvahed? Garland would know. He's been sending me Stooges rarities for years — things like a clip of Curly's only performance with the group (with hair) after the 1946 stroke that ended his career.

And Garland also gives ABC's "The Three Stooges" a thumbs-up (as opposed to a two-fingered eye poke). "I can't believe how historically accurate it was," he says of this biopic. "I know well the actors recreated the scenes."

Comedy is highly subjective and gender-specific. A few women, however, actually like the Stooges, but many it's pretty much a guy thing.

And if you lamebrains don't watch Monday night ... why, I mighta moiday ya, nyuk nyuk nyuk. Female-safe zone now: We're back from Stoogeland with an item that perhaps the most saintly

man of our times, Mother Teresa. Did you happen to catch the news last week about the FBI's crack-down on a Southern California ring of men who've been selling

why sports and celeb memorabilia? Perhaps the most infamous item was a baseball signed by — Mother Teresa. (Now THAT's chutzpah!) I've named exclusively a list of some of the "memorabilia" seized by the FBI. It includes:

An autographed photo of physicist Stephen Hawking standing atop Mt. Everest.

A contract for a "payday loan" given out by investor Warren Buffett.

An autographed photo of Clark Gable and Pauly Shore on the set of "One With The Wind."

An "authenticated" picture of the Marx Brothers with Karl Marx.

A set of encyclopedias once owned by Mike Tyson.

Standard Oil stock certificates in the name of V.I. Lenin.

A baseball autographed by Gen. George Custer.

A football autographed by John Quincy Adams.

A prescription for Zolofit made out to Adolf Hitler.

A golf and country club application signed by Louis Farrakhan.

A Lexus supposedly once owned by Louis XIV.

A copy of the Koran once owned by Sandy Koufax.

A baseball signed by Einstein and John Richards.

A videotape of George Washington in a disco.

Sharklet lays a pre-Easter egg: I haven't seen this much volatility since someone handed Indiana coach Bobby Knight a technical foul and a firing chair. The recent market crash (I've been watching way too much NBC) reminded me of why I gave up watching college basketball: After the lead has changed hands 20 times, the game is tied by a long jumper at the last second, then goes into double overtime, you're drained, nervous, a nervous wreck. That's why I stopped following college hoops — who needs the uterus?

So goes the market these days: I'm 50 grand — on paper — last Friday. Then got some of it back early next week. And I don't even own any stock in dot.coms! Probably a lot of you have just had similar experi-

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## Viva La Peña

Quintessential Berkeley institution celebrates a happy 25-year marriage of art and progressive politics

By Anita Amirrezvani  
STAFF WRITER

Culture buffs, here's a test of your knowledge. Name the one East Bay organization that would be likely to throw its support behind all of the following events:

■ A fund-raising dance to help out a Latina soccer team called Brown Sugar.

■ A political event to discuss ways to demand that the World Bank cancel poor nations' debts.

■ A dance party and performance featuring Los Papines, a celebrated Cuban group known as the "Kings of Rumba."

The answer, of course, is La Peña Cultural Center, the nonprofit arts organization in Berkeley. There's simply nothing else quite like it in the Bay Area. For the past 25 years, the organization's unique mission has been to combine the arts with progressive politics, two issues near and dear to Berkeley's heart.

Some of the internationally renowned performers who have appeared at La Peña over the years — Paco de Lucia, Mercedes Sosa, Susana Baca — now sell out major Bay Area venues, and some of the activists who have appeared there are famous in their own right — Rigoberta Menchu, Angela Davis and Amiri Baraka, to name just a few.

This year, La Peña is celebrating its

25th anniversary with its Silver Star series of performances spotlighting the many different communities who have made La Peña their home. The series will include such diverse artists as the Cuban folkloric group Los Papines, the Chicago-based jazz group Ethnic Heritage Ensemble, and homegrown talent such as the Latin jazz band John Santos and Machete Ensemble.

La Peña presents about 250 events per year — a surprisingly large number for a center with an annual budget of only about \$700,000 and a staff of eight. The center has a modest performing arts space that holds about 200 people, a room for classes and workshops, and a casual cafe. "It's real funky, it's real loose, it's not suit-and-tie by any means, and I think that adds to the fact that people feel comfortable here," says Santiago Alvarado, a patron who lives in San Francisco.

The large, colorful mural on the outside of the building is perhaps its most memorable feature. Called "Song of Unity," it shows activist artists from the two Americas — including Woody Guthrie and Chilean singer-songwriter Victor Jara — meeting to share the common goal of promoting social justice through the arts.

Although La Peña is an institution today, it literally took a coup to get the organization off the ground. It all

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DANCE, MUSIC, CULTURE and politics are what keep La Peña vibrant at top. The "Song of Unity" mural above, is a familiar landmark

## HAPPY 25TH

Here are highlights of La Peña Cultural Center's Silver Star anniversary performances. La Peña is at 3105 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley. For details or a calendar, call 510-849-2568 or check the Web site at [www.lapena.org](http://www.lapena.org).

■ April 21: Los Papines (folkloric group from Cuba).

■ April 28: Choreographer Pearl Ubungen presents an excerpt from a dance work-in-progress called "Makibaka!" ("struggle" in Tagalog).

■ May 13: John Santos and Machete Ensemble "Tribute to the Masters" Latin jazz record release party.

■ May 20: Malcolm X Jazz Arts Festival in Oakland's San Antonio Park.

■ June 10: La Peña 25th Anniversary Street Fiesta and evening dance party with Dr. Loco's Rockin' Jalapeño Band.

■ Oct. 13-14: La Gran Noche del Charango: the second Bay Area Charango Summit with Horacio Duran, founder of the music ensemble Inti-Ilimani.

■ Oct. 21: Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir perform African-American folk music.

## From difficult travels, a play

In 'Enemy,' playwright and actress Shaffer plays a number of characters — including herself

By Georgia Rowe  
CORRESPONDENT

Tanya Shaffer is hard at work preparing her one-woman show "Let My Enemy Live Long!" for its new production at Berkeley Repertory Theatre. In the process, she's bringing back some funny and poignant memories.

Shaffer's acclaimed play, which opens Wednesday at Berkeley Rep, is based on an actual event in the playwright/actress's life — a 1994 boat trip up West Africa's Niger River. In the play, which made its world premiere in 1998 at San Francisco's Venue 9, Shaffer plays at least 10 characters, including herself.

On a recent rehearsal break, the San Francisco-based actress explained that she traveled to Ghana in 1993 to do volunteer work for VOLU, a non-governmental organization that builds hospitals and schools.

"I'm a travel-head, and the work is a reason to go," says Shaffer. "I get a strong desire to go to a place, and I try to find something useful to do while I'm there."

### A long wait

Shaffer, who had done similar volunteer stints in Central America and Czechoslovakia — "I picked coffee and did construction work" — was a seasoned traveler. But she says the boat trip, which began in Mopti and ended in Timbuktu, was unlike anything she'd

### PREVIEW

■ Who: Tanya Shaffer

■ What: "Let My Enemy Live Long!"

■ Where: Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley

■ When: through May 12

■ How much: \$19-\$48.50

■ Call: 510-845-4700

ever experienced.

"It's supposed to be a two- to three-day trip, and it ended up taking two weeks," she says. "We were in an accident, and the boat was destroyed. We had to travel part of the way in a canoe and wait in a fishing village for another boat to pass through."

Shaffer says it was a difficult time — in addition to other mishaps, one person on the boat drowned. But her ill-fated trip was fertile material for the play, which begins as an adventure and becomes a moving examination of the nature of friendship and personal identity.

"Enemy" blends humor and tragedy, and touches on themes relating to racial and cultural differences. "It deals with



EDDIE LIDSMAN/AF

TANYA SHAFFER went to West Africa to do volunteer work. What she found was respect for the region's people and the source material for her one-woman play.

## HOT SHEET!

■ The historic Paramount Theatre in Oakland continues its classic film series with "Arsenic and Old Lace" at 8 p.m., Friday, April 21. \$5. The theater is located at 2025 Broadway. Call 510-465-6400 for tour information.

■ Oakland Lyric Opera, featuring Richard Strauss' "Der Rosenkavalier," will perform at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 30, at the First Congregational Church of Oakland, 2501 Harrison at 27th street, Oakland. Featured vocalists include Katya Roemer, Elspeth Franks and Rachel Brott. Call 510-836-6772.

## EVENTS



**GUEST CONDUCTOR** Paul Goodwin, associate conductor of Britain's Academy of Ancient Music, leads the Philharmonica Baroque Orchestra June 10-11 in Berkeley. Call Call Performances at 510-642-9988

**Barnes And Noble, Oakland** — "Kids Story Times," ongoing. Stories will be read in the children's book area. Free. Thursday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. 98 Broadway, Jack London Square, Oakland. Call 510-272-0120

**Bay Area Children's Theatre** — "School House Rock Live! Jr." April 22, May 13 and May 27, 1 p.m. A musical with an all-kids cast. \$10 general, \$5 children age 12 and under. John Muir Elementary School Auditorium, 2955 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. Call 510-762-2279

**Children's Fairyland USA** — A fairy tale theme park featuring more than 30 colorful fantasy sets. Designed especially for children age 10 and under, there are gentle rides, a train, the "Peter Rabbit Village," puppet shows, storytelling and lots of slides and animals.

"Play Island," ongoing. A multilevel treehouse play area inspired by the novel "Swiss Family Robinson."

**SPECIAL EVENTS** — Join Peter Rabbit, Hurdy-Gurdy Man and Kellmar, April 22 and April 23, all day.

Storyteller Mary Ellen Hill, April 29, 12:30 p.m., and 3 p.m.

Fairyland Personalities, April 30. Meet the 33 children who will portray global fairy tale characters for the Fairyland Season 2000.

**PUPPET SHOW** — "Puss in Boots" adapted by Lewis Mahlmann, through June 1. A performance based on the classic French folk tale. Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m.

Tickets: \$5 includes unlimited rides, free for children under age 1. April 17-April 21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Regular hours: Friday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Grand and Bellevue Avenues, Oakland. Call 510-452-2259 or 510-238-6878.

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**SPECIAL EVENT** — "An Old Fashioned Easter Celebration," April 23, noon-3:30 p.m. Penelope the Easter Bunny will be on hand while the kids enjoy egg hunts, egg decorating, face painting and tours of the mansion. Egg-hunt times are by ages. Bring your own basket and a picnic lunch. Tickets: \$5 general, \$4 seniors, \$1 youth age 6-13; free for children under age 6.

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## FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Titles and showtimes subject to change.  
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Showtimes for Friday, April 21.

## Alameda County

## Act II &amp; II

Center St. off Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FLM  
● **Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai** (R) 7:00, 9:40  
● **The Virgin Suicides** (R) 7:40, 10:10

## Albany Twin

Sono of San Pablo Ave., Albany 843-FLM  
● **The Color of Paradise** (PG) 7:15, 9:20  
● **East-West** (PG-13) 7:00, 9:35

## California Theatres

On Kirtland at Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FLM  
● **American Beauty** (R) 1:15, 4:00, 6:40, 9:20  
● **American Psycho** (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40  
● **Boys Don't Cry** (R) 1:30, 4:15, 6:50, 9:30

## Century 25 Union City Lending\*

32100 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-9593  
● **28 Days** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 12:20, 1:40, 2:45, 4:10, 5:05, 6:35, 7:55, 9:05, 10:30

● **American Beauty** (R) 12:45, 3:25, 6:45, 9:25  
● **American Psycho** (R) 11:20 a.m., 1:35, 4:00, 7:00, 9:35  
● **Black and White** (R) 6:45, 9:00

● **The Cider House Rules** (PG-13) 1:50, 6:45  
● **Erin Brockovich** (R) 12:35, 3:30, 6:55, 10:05  
● **Final Destination** (R) 12:05, 2:35, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

● **Gossip** (R) 11:40 a.m., 2:00, 4:15, 7:20, 9:40  
● **High Fidelity** (R) 11:35 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:25, 10:05  
● **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13) 11:55 a.m., 12:55, 3:00, 5:55, 6:00, 7:15, 9:55, 10:15

● **Love and Basketball** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 12:10, 2:20, 2:55, 4:40, 5:50, 7:45, 8:45, 10:30  
● **Mission to Mars** (PG) 11:25 a.m., 4:20, 9:20

● **My Dog Skip** (PG) noon, 2:20  
● **Price of Glory** (PG-13) 4:55, 7:50, 10:30  
● **Return to Me** (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20

● **The Road to El Dorado** (PG) 11:15 a.m., 12:25, 1:25, 2:30, 3:35, 4:35, 7:35, 9:50  
● **Romeo Must Die** (R) 11:15 a.m., 12:15, 1:45, 3:05, 4:25, 5:45, 7:05, 8:25, 9:45

● **Rules of Engagement** (R) 11:50 a.m., 12:50, 2:40, 3:50, 5:35, 7:10, 8:30, 10:10  
● **The Skulls** (PG-13) 1:55, 6:50

● **U-571** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 12:40, 2:25, 3:45, 5:10, 7:00, 8:15, 9:55  
● **Where the Money Is** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 4:30, 9:30

## Chabot Cinema

2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555  
● **U-571** (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:20

## Elmwood

2855 College Avenue, Berkeley 649-0530  
● **Cradle Will Rock** (R) 4:45, 9:00  
● **The Cup** (G) 7:15

● **The Empirer and the Assassin** (R) 8:30  
● **Girl, Interrupted** (R) 8:15  
● **The Green Mile** (R) 8:15  
● **The Straight Story** (G) 8:15

## Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley \*

245 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 848-1143  
● **Naked Spikes: Living is Round** (NR) 7:00, 9:45

## Grand Lake Theater

3201 Grand Avenue, Oakland 462-3556  
● **American Beauty** (R) 9:00  
● **Erin Brockovich** (R) 12:30, 3:45, 6:45, 9:15

● **Love and Basketball** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10  
● **The Road to El Dorado** (PG) 11:30 a.m., 1:20, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15

● **U-571** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:40, 7:00, 9:45  
● **Jack London Cinema** \*

108 Washington St., Oakland 435-1320  
● **28 Days** (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 1:45, 4:20, 7:05, 9:45, 10:20

● **American Psycho** (R) 11:35 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10  
● **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

● **Love and Basketball** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:40, 10:25  
● **Return to Me** (PG) 11:20 a.m., 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05

● **The Road to El Dorado** (PG) 11:05 a.m., 1:05, 3:10, 5:15, 7:25  
● **Romeo Must Die** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10

● **Rules of Engagement** (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15  
● **U-571** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:45, 4:55, 7:50, 10:30

## Mann Festival 9

19301 Highway Blvd., Hayward 785-9000  
● **American Psycho** (R) 12:05, 2:25, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45  
● **Final Destination** (R) 12:20, 2:35, 4:45, 7:15, 9:55

● **Gossip** (R) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15  
● **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:00  
● **Price of Glory** (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05

● **Return to Me** (PG) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15  
● **The Road to El Dorado** (PG) 12:30, 2:35, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30

● **Romeo Must Die** (R) 12:15, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10  
● **The Skulls** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:05

## NAZ 8

39400 Arroyo Way, Fremont 787-2000  
● **Katayaphone** (NR) 9:30  
● **Oh My Girl** (NR) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00

● **Duhan Hum Le Jayenge** (NR) 5:00, 9:00  
● **Gang** (NR) 5:00, 9:00  
● **Hadi Kar Di Aapne** (NR) 5:00, 9:00

● **Hera Pheri** (NR) 5:00, 9:00  
● **Kaho Na Pyaar Hai** (NR) 5:00, 9:00  
● **Teal** (NR) 5:00

## Oaks Theater \*

1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1836  
● **My Dog Skip** (PG) 6:15  
● **The Talented Mr. Ripley** (R) 9:00

● **Toppy-Turvy** (R) 5:15  
● **Waking the Dead** (R) 7:00

## Piedmont Theatre

Piedmont at 41st, Oakland 843-FLM  
● **The Cider House Rules** (PG-13) 3:30, 9:10  
● **High Fidelity** (R) 1:45, 4:20, 6:50, 9:25

● **The Virgin Suicides** (R) 12:10, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 10:00  
● **Where the Money Is** (PG-13) 1:00, 7:00

## Shattuck Cinemas \*

On Shattuck at Kirtland, Berkeley 843-FLM  
● **28 Days** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:15, 9:40  
● **All About My Mother** (R) 2:30, 4:45, 7:05, 9:20

● **Being John Malkovich** (R) 4:40, 9:30  
● **The Cider House Rules** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35  
● **High Fidelity** (R) 1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 10:00

● **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 6:55, 9:45  
● **My Heart** (R) 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55  
● **Milene** (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:35, 9:55

● **Romeo Must Die** (R) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:10  
● **The Skulls** (PG-13) 2:10, 7:10  
● **U-571** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:05, 7:00, 9:50

## Silver Super Savers Cinemas Fremont 7\*

38160 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Gateway Plaza Shopping Ctr., Fremont 505-8292  
● **Bicentennial Man** (PG) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45

● **Galaxy Quest** (PG) 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:00  
● **Girl, Interrupted** (R) 12:50, 6:45  
● **The Green Mile** (R) 1:40, 5:20, 9:00

● **The Hurricane** (R) 3:40, 9:30  
● **The Sixth Sense** (PG-13) 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50  
● **Stuart Little** (PG) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00

● **The Talented Mr. Ripley** (R) 6:50, 9:40  
● **Toy Story 2** (G) 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:25, 9:25

## UA Berkeley 7 \*

2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 843-1487  
● **Black and White** (R) noon, 4:40, 10:10  
● **Erin Brockovich** (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

● **Gossip** (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30  
● **Love and Basketball** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20

● **Return to Me** (PG) 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:40  
● **The Road to El Dorado** (PG) 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:20

## UA Emerybay 10 \*

6300 Chestnut Ave., Emeryville 420-0107  
● **28 Days** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:15  
● **Black and White** (R) 10:10

## UA Galaxy \*

1285 Sutter St., San Francisco (415) 474-8700  
● **Black and White** (R) 10:00  
● **Crouper** (NR) 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 7:30, 9:30

● **Love and Basketball** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 7:15, 10:00  
● **Romeo Must Die** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 7:00, 9:45

## UA Metreon IMAX \*

101 4th Street, San Francisco (415) 369-6200  
● **Fantasia 2000** (G) 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30

## UA Metreon \*

1285 Sutter St., San Francisco (415) 474-8700  
● **Black and White** (R) 10:00  
● **Crouper** (NR) 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 7:30, 9:30

● **Love and Basketball** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 7:15, 10:00  
● **Romeo Must Die** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 7:00, 9:45

● **Toppy-Turvy** (R) noon, 7:00

● **Erin Brockovich** (R) 10:50 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45  
● **Gossip** (R) 11:20 a.m., 2:10, 5:00, 7:15, 9:40  
● **High Fidelity** (R) 11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50  
● **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13) 10:45 a.m., 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40  
● **Love and Basketball** (PG-13) 10:40 a.m., 1:20, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45  
● **The Road to El Dorado** (PG) 11:00 a.m., 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 7:00, 9:45  
● **Romeo Must Die** (R) noon, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:40  
● **Rules of Engagement** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:30  
● **U-571** (PG-13) 10:40 a.m., 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20

## UA Hayward 6 \*

24800 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 786-3000  
● **28 Days** (PG-13) noon, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50  
● **Erin Brockovich** (R) noon, 3:45, 7:05, 10:00

● **Love and Basketball** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 8:00, 10:30  
● **Rules of Engagement** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:05  
● **U-571** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:45

● **Where the Money Is** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 4:15, 7:45, 10:15

## UC Theatre \*

Liverty Avenue between Milva Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FLM  
● **X** (R) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

## Central Contra Costa

## Festival Walnut Creek \*

1450 N. California Blvd., Walnut Creek 934-8649  
● **Erin Brockovich** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00  
● **High Fidelity** (R) 12:45, 3:45, 7:15, 9:50

● **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:30, 7:00, 9:55  
● **Return to Me** (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:30, 10:10  
● **The Road to El Dorado** (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15

## Grinda Theater \*

4 Grinda Theater Square, Orinda 554-9060  
● **28 Days** (PG-13) 7:30, 9:45  
● **American Beauty** (R) 6:30, 9:30  
● **Return to Me** (PG) 7:00, 9:30

## Park Theater

3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 283-7997  
● **Erin Brockovich** (R) 7:00, 9:40

## Rheem All-Stadium \*

300 Rock Street, Morgan 989-3411  
● **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13) 4:30, 7:00, 9:35  
● **Ready to Rumble** (PG) 9:10  
● **The Road to El Dorado** (PG) 5:15, 7:20

● **Rules of Engagement** (R) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40  
● **U-571** (PG-13) noon, 4:50, 7:35, 9:50

## San Francisco

## AMC 1000 Van Ness \*

1000 Van Ness, San Francisco (415) 922-44MC  
● **28 Days** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55, 12:40 a.m.  
● **American Beauty** (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45, 12:45 a.m.

● **American Psycho** (R) 1:35, 4:20, 7:35, 9:45, 12:15 a.m.  
● **Erin Brockovich** (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:25, 10:25  
● **Final Destination** (R) 2:10, 7:20, 9:40, midnight

● **Gossip** (R) 2:05, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10, 12:25 a.m.  
● **High Fidelity** (R) 1:30, 4:35, 7:45, 10:35  
● **Keeping the Faith** (PG-13) 1:25, 4:30, 7:35, 10:40

● **Return to Me** (PG) 1:50, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30  
● **The Road to El Dorado** (PG) 1:00, 3:00, 5:10, 7:10, 9:05

● **Rules of Engagement** (R) 1:55, 4:55, 7:55, 10:55, 9:55, 12:45 a.m.  
● **The Skulls** (PG-13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20

● **U-571** (PG-13) 1:05, 4:05, 7:00, 9:50, 12:35 a.m., 2:15, 5:8, 10:50  
● **Where the Money Is** (PG-13) 5:05, 11:05

## AMC Kabuki 8 \*

1881 Post St., San Francisco (415) 922-44MC  
● **Barracks** (NR) 9:45  
● **Easy Money** (NR) 7:00

● **Jesus's Son** (R) 4:00  
● **Life During Wartime** (NR) 10:00  
● **Long Night's Journey Into Day** (NR) 7:30

● **Mouth of Desire** (NR) 9:30  
● **Nadia and the Hippas** (NR) 6:45  
● **No Coffee, No TV, No Sex** (NR) 7:15

● **Nowhere to Hide** (NR) 10:15  
● **On the Beach** (NR) 2:00  
● **Time Regained** (NR) 1:00

## Bridge \*

3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco (415) 352-0810  
● **Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai** (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

## Castro Theater \*

Castro and Market Streets, San Francisco (415) 621-6120  
● **43rd San Francisco International Film Festival** (NR)  
● **This Year's Love** (NR) 10:00

● **Tom Verlaque: Music for Films** (NR) 7:30

## Clay \*

2261 Filmore St., San Francisco (415) 552-0810  
● **East-West** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

## Embarcadero \*

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco (415) 352-0810  
● **The Cider House Rules** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55  
● **The Color of Paradise** (PG) 12:30, 2:50, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30

● **East is East** (R) noon, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40  
● **Joe Gould's Secret** (R) 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10  
● **Mo'Nasty** (R) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50

## Lumiere \*

1572 California St., San Francisco (415) 352-0810  
● **Boys Don't Cry** (R) 12:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40  
● **Sex: The Annabel Chong Story** (NR) 12:15, 2:40, 4:40, 7:00, 9:45

● **X** (R) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50

## Opera Plaza Cinemas \*

601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco (415) 352-0810  
● **All About My Mother** (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:20  
● **Kadosh** (NR) 1:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30

● **Milene** (R) 1:20, 4:00, 7:30, 9:45  
● **Thru** (R) 1:00, 4:45, 8:10

## Red Vic \*

1727 Haight St., San Francisco (415) 668-3994  
● **Surfing as Sad**







NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE

"HEY, MISTER!"

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**ACROSS**

1 Passage preventers  
6 "Excuse me..."  
10 Become less reserved  
14 Bewitched  
18 "Tigra" composer  
21 A whole lot of "shaking going on"  
22 Aglio e... (pasta dressing)  
23 Short loin products  
25 "60 Minutes" regular  
27 Not so hot  
28 First of "The Chronicles of Clovis"  
30 They help you make your goals  
31 It goes around the world  
34 M.B.A.  
35 Pianist Rubinstein  
36 Roughed up  
37 Superman's gift  
39 "Cob, Conn."  
42 Kirkstall Abbey locale  
44 Defeat by looks  
46 Pointed ends  
47 Signal to leave, perhaps  
48 Not all there  
49 "River"—Return" (Mithum/Monroe flick)

**DOWN**

50 Skittish show? Abbr.  
51 Like old recordings  
52 Describe  
53 "60 Minutes" regular  
54 Like some leaves  
56 1972 Bill Withers hit  
58 Spiro's predecessor  
59 Decisive one  
61 Public Citizen  
62 Dressed down?  
63 Dress down  
64 Church figure  
65 Sneak—  
66 Old peso fractions  
67 Architect's offering  
68 Southern sibling  
69 Computer support, sometimes  
72 Piled on  
73 Six-Day War hero  
75 Some need stitching  
76 Use hip boots, perhaps  
77 They were big in the past  
79 "The—Bride" (Rimsky-Korsakov opera)  
81 Latin father  
82 Kenny G has two  
83 F.D.R.'s birthplace

**ACROSS**

85 It may move you  
86 Goodbyes  
87 He homered  
88 Needs a ring?  
89 Vest  
93 "We will—undersold!"  
94 107-Across state  
96 Chemical-free fare  
101 Goodbye  
102 Peat—(maybe, in Marseille)  
103 Done for  
104 "—Sea" (Lemmon/Matthew comedy)  
105 Hospital staffer  
106 Farrah's ex  
107 All there  
108 People guilty of disorderly conduct?

**DOWN**

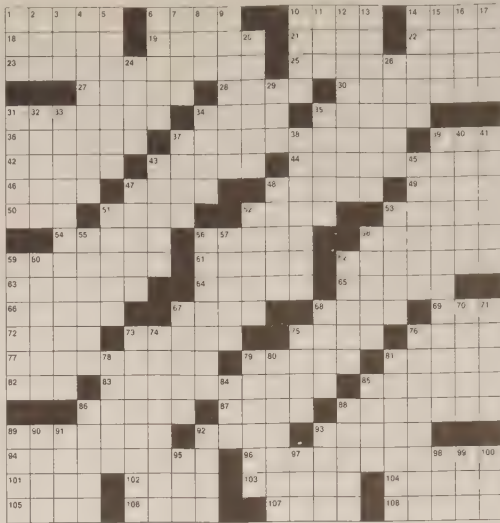
1 Monitor letters  
2 You may see a reaction in one  
3 Lacto—vegetarian  
4 Non-Jews  
5 Rained hard?  
6 Up  
7 Consideration  
8 Pilot's announcement, briefly  
9 In whom the bell tolls

**ACROSS**

11 Patricia Neal's Best Actress film  
12 Zog I, for one  
13 Vet's offering  
14 "The Kiss" sculptor  
15 Shakespeare title starter  
16 Painter  
17 Kiddy litter?  
20 Emerson collection  
24 Went over the limit  
26 Together  
29 "Total Request Live" network  
31 Signs  
32 71-Down's predecessor  
33 Numbskulls  
34 Luzinski of baseball  
35 —Magna (annual early-music festival)  
37 Prefix with phobia  
38 Glucose and fructose, e.g.  
39 Gossip-filled gathering, typically  
40 They have titles  
41 Corral chorus  
43 No socialite  
45 Not too hard  
47 Visit  
48 Bar stock  
51 Big name in applesauce  
52 Enticed  
53 Start of something big?

**DOWN**

55 Theater area  
56 Open  
57 Wrap choice  
58 Some are false  
59 Rub  
60 Catch, in a way  
62 Hussies  
67 Stacks for burning  
68 Hide well  
70 "Die Fledermaus" maid  
71 32-Down's successor  
73 Big name in personal planners  
74 Gall  
75 Grocery line?  
76 Generous to a fault  
78 Quaint contraction  
79 Some have diners  
80 Terminal tippees  
81 Sand painting creators  
84 Hearing aid?  
85 Prefix with -morphism  
86 Chevy truck model  
88 Bakery offering  
89 Ocean menace  
90 2nd-century date  
91 "Zounds!"  
92 "The Grey Room" novelist  
93 Former Senate Armed Services Committee chairman  
95 Shooters' org  
97 It may be taken in spots  
98 Siouxan speaker  
99 Wagering option, briefly  
100 Spanish couple?



# Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-availability basis.

## Children

**Luna Kids Dance (LKD)** offers dance and acting classes for children and teens ages 3-17 in a fun and supportive environment. Locations: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.; El Centro, Contra Costa Civic Theater, 951 Pomona Ave.; Oakland, Glenview Performing Arts Center, 1318 Glenfield Ave. and Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd. For more information, call the LKD central office at 530-4113.

**The Berkeley Art Center** hosts its eighth annual Youth Arts Festival, a city-wide event celebrating Berkeley youth talent in the areas of visual art, music, dance, and the spoken word. An exhibition of outstanding visual art by K-8 students from the 15 schools in the Berkeley Unified School District is on display at the center through May 14. Special events including performances and workshops will be ongoing throughout the festival. The Berkeley Art Center is located in Live Oak Park at 1275 Walnut St. Hours: Wednesday-Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call Yvette Davis at 644-6893.

**The Stagetrappers Academy**, a division of Bay Area Children's Theatre Company, presents "School House Rock Live Jr.," on April 22, May 13, and 27, 1 p.m. at the John Muir Elementary School, 2955 Claremont Ave. The production is a musical with an all-kid cast. Tickets: Adults, \$10; Children, \$5, 2-12 years, under 2 free. No reservations needed. Call 762-2279 or 415-478-2277 for additional information.

**LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups** meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Glenfield Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

## Health

**Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT)** support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

## Community

**Lawrence Hall of Science (LHS)** presents "Earth Day is Every Day Festival," on Friday, April 21, 12 noon to 2 p.m. Participants will see what happens when the water system is polluted, how it affects the ground and air, and everyday ways to help preserve the Earth. LHS is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: Free for members; \$6 for adults, \$4 for children 7-18, seniors and students; and \$2 for children 3-6. LHS is located above the UC-Berkeley campus, on Centennial Drive. Parking is 50 cents an hour. For additional information about other LHS events, presentations, exhibits and programs, call 842-5132, or visit the website at [www.lhs.berkeley.edu](http://www.lhs.berkeley.edu).

**Chaparral House**, 1309 Allison Way presents Youth and Elders Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 22, 3 p.m. Mayor Shirley Dean and Berkeley city councilmembers Margaret Braland and Dona Shapiro participate in the official groundbreaking of a Berkeley Youth Alternatives garden project at Chaparral House, a residential elder care community. Tom Bate, Director of Berkeley Food System project will also participate. Young people ages 10 to 17 celebrate alongside elders ages 74 to 99. For additional information, call 848-8774.

The Bay Area Hispano Institute for Ad-

vancement... 25th anniversary... a.m. to 4 p.m. at... to James K... Street between... and... parade... band... 525-1463 for...  
**The Albany Center** presents Albany Day... day April 22... will be pony rides, a... painting and many... Tickets: \$10  
**Peruvian coffee**... the Center for... Wednesday, April 26... takes place at the... 2334 Bowdoin... invited to... coffee... Fair Trade coffee... Natural Grocery, 1336... 525-1463 for...  
**The North Berkeley Senior**... 1901 Hearst M... ing events... Wednesday, April 26... etry with Nancy Wilson... Center for Elderly... 1 p.m. Low Vision... Writing with Mark... 27 1 p.m. Movie... 1 p.m. Taiwanese... information, call... 644-6107  
**The East Bay French**... presents its 22nd... Sunday, May 7, 9 a.m.-5 p.m... begin the day with a... or brunch in a... home followed by a... creative and beautiful... in the Piedmont, Oakland... area. Tour and champagne... \$90. Brunch and tour \$45. Tickets are available at the... Heinz Ave., Berkeley, or... may be downloaded from...

**Exhibits**  
**Random Works of Art 2000**... exhibit of Painting and Sculpture... May 14. The exhibit takes place... Bates Hospital Gallery, 2400... at Colby. The gallery is on... lobby, north end. Random... a group of nine East Bay... For more information, call... at 655-4959  
**New Leaf Gallery** 1286 Center... Berkeley presents the outdoor... contemporary sculpture in... painted and stainless steel... through May 28. The gallery... Wednesday, through Sun... For additional information...  
**Photoblab**, 2235 Fifth St., presents... 30" x 40" C-plate photo... by Kyo Eschima... Lab and Gallery hours: Monday... 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Saturday... Call 644-1400 for additional...  
**Artists Raika Popovic** will... exhibit mixed media work... 30. A reception is April 22, 6... Current Gallery at the... ray St. For additional information... 843-5511 or visit the website... <http://www.photoblab.org>  
**University Lutheran Church**... 1896 Ave., continues its annual... paintings by artist Judith... through April 22. Hours: Monday... Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For... mation, call 843-6200  
**The Albany Arts Committee**... "Form, Shades, and Portals"... raghy exhibition by Len B... 31 at the Albany Community... Gallery 1249 Marin Ave.

## VCRs, computers, cell phones and, of course, BART

Scene: the Oakland Police Department. A 911 call comes in from a frantic young woman reporting a residential robbery in progress.

It seems that a few days earlier, she met a guy at the laundromat, and they exchanged phone numbers. So here they are a few days later, talking on the telephone. In the middle of the conversation he says, "Excuse me for a second, somebody's at the front door," and he puts the phone down.

All of a sudden, over the phone, she hears the sound of two people struggling violently. Clearly, a robbery is going on.

Thinking quickly, she hangs up and dials 911.

Having nothing more to go on than the man's first name and phone number, Oakland Police Department dispatchers track down his address and send officers to the scene on a Code 3. OPD units arrive and quickly set up a perimeter around the house. Inside, they can hear a man begging for his life, and another man saying that he has a gun.

By now, a full response is under way, including squad cars, command personnel, and a police helicopter hovering overhead. As the cops are girding themselves for what could turn out to be either a protracted hostage situation or a violent confrontation, the resident of the house comes out the front door, wearing a torn shirt.

Since they now know he is safe, the cops storm the house through the rear door, enter the rear bedroom, and apprehend the suspect—a VCR!

Apparently, when the woman called him, the man was watching the movie "Lethal Weapon" with the volume turned up to the max. The robbery the woman had heard over the phone was actually a scene from the movie. Ditto for the sounds of a man begging for his life that the cops had heard coming from inside the house.

Moral: Keep that sound level down, folks!

Good news and bad news from BMUG, the Berkeley Macintosh Users Group (which covers a whole



MARTIN SNAPP

Snapp Shots

lot more of the Bay Area than just Berkeley).

The bad news: BMUG has gone bankrupt.

The good news: That's nothing to worry about; it just means they're re-organizing on a firmer foundation.

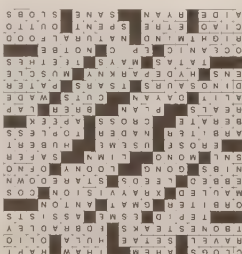
But in the meantime, this is your golden opportunity to sample all the benefits of BMUG membership without having to fork over any money, because they're letting everyone on for free. You'll need to download some special software to take full advantage, but if you log on to their Web site ([www.bmug.org](http://www.bmug.org)), you can download it from there.

I've said it before, but I'll say it again: If you own a Mac, a BMUG membership is an absolute must—if only for BMUG's free hotline, which is the first place I turn whenever my computer starts acting buggy. And there are a lot of other perks, including a great bulletin board. Last month, when my sister was facing back surgery, I posted an inquiry in the medical conference. And within 24 hours, more than 50 replies came back from people who had undergone the same operation.

Anyway, check it out. The price is right.

Signs of the times:

Two guys walking down Piedmont Avenue, side by side, each talking into own his cell phone. And I



swear this is true: They were talking to each other!

Guy walks into Peet's Coffee on Solano and chirps to the salesperson, "Hi! How are you doing?" She replies, "I'm sorry, sir, but we can't allow you to sell your merchandise in here." After he leaves, I ask her, "How did you know he wasn't a customer?" She explains, "He was much too friendly."

Actually, they don't have salespersons at Peet's anymore. The new word is "enthusiast," as in this sign on the door: "Peet's is now accepting applications for coffee enthusiasts."

There's an old, blind musician who has been singing gospel songs at the entrance to the 16th Street BART station the last few weeks. The other day I dropped a few quarters into his money jar, and he said, "Thank you." "No," I replied. "Thank you for such nice music." "You really like it?" he said. "Wait! I've got a CD coming out in three weeks!"

Speaking of BART, when the conductor comes over the intercom and says, "We'll be moving shortly," why does it really mean you won't be moving for hours?

For that matter, how come nobody on BART gives up their seats to old people or pregnant women anymore?

And when will the Walkman-

wearers realize that the rest of us on the train can still hear the bass line going "Ka-THUMP, ka-THUMP, ka-THUMP," which is enough to drive any sane man up the wall?

And a special place in the neighborhood is being reserved for people who annoy other passengers by shouting into their cell phones. One day, I'm going to lose my temper and brain one of them with their own phone, and no jury will ever convict me.

Finally, how's this for an archetypal Silicon Valley story? Elizabeth Grillos just returned to the Bay Area after a few years in L.A., and she's looking for a place to live.

She did find an apartment in Menlo Park. But her jaw dropped when she heard the rent: \$1,700 per month for a tiny 750-square-foot one-bedroom!

Noting her dismay, the landlord said, "Don't worry. If the rent is too steep, we'll accept stock options, instead."

Phone Martin Snapp at 510-273-9039; write him c/o Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Road, Oakland, CA 94619; or e-mail him at [catman@california.com](mailto:catman@california.com).

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Easter Sunday, April 23: 8:00 am, 10:00 am (incense free)

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7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

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### ST. MARK'S

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The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Day, April 23: The Great Vigil of  
Easter: The Lighting of the Paschal Fire, Baptism & the First Eucharist of Easter  
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7:30 pm Eucharist, Footwashing and Stripping  
of the Altar

### Good Friday, April 21

7:30 pm Procession of the Cross, Prayer Vigil

### Easter Vigil, April 22

7:30 pm The Great Vigil of Easter

### Easter Day, April 23

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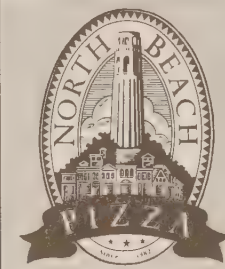
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6 hard-boiled eggs, chopped  
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Ground fresh black pepper  
English muffins, toasted

Empty the soup into a pot, bring to a simmer/boil, add the chopped hard-boiled eggs, simmer just until everything is hot, add black pepper to taste. Place two English muffins on a plate and spoon a hearty portion of the egg/soup mixture on top. Serve with sausage to round off this delicious yet simple meal.

Serves at least 4 people.

## Creamy Eggs on Toast

From the recipe files of Diane Henderson

Basic white sauce:  
2 tbsp. butter  
2 tbsp. of flour  
2 cups milk

6-8 hard-boiled eggs, quartered up

Melt butter in saucepan, add flour, stir briskly to combine butter & flour, add milk slowly, a little at a time with a whisk, stirring constantly, until all milk is added. Add eggs to white sauce. Heat through. Serve over toast, muffins, biscuits, bagels. Makes a great meal.

## EASTER BRUNCH

### Shrimp Casserole

From the recipe files of Diane Henderson

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3 cups sliced celery, cut diagonally half-inch  
1 cup chopped onions  
3/4 cup chopped green pepper  
1 5-oz. can sliced mushrooms  
1 5-oz. can sliced water chestnuts  
1 6-oz can cashew nuts, chopped  
1 small can sliced pimentos  
1 lb. fresh cooked small shrimp  
2 cans Aunt Penny's White Sauce  
2 3-oz. cans crisp Chinese noodles

Sauté the onions and green peppers in half cup vegetable oil until tender. Combine rest of ingredients except noodles. Butter a casserole dish (7x12), sprinkle one can of the noodles on the bottom of the pan, cover with the shrimp mixture, then top with the rest of the noodles. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes if freshly prepared or one hour if refrigerated. You can combine all the ingredients the night before, but don't put the crispy noodles on top until ready to cook.

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## Active seniors enjoy healthy self-esteem

A recent medical study has shown that physical activity can help put people on the fast track to happiness.

According to the study, done by three Brigham Young University professors, there is a strong correlation between self-esteem and active lifestyles.

"If you exercise regularly, you are more likely to have a high self-esteem," said Dr. Steven Heiner, a professor in the health sciences

department at BYU. "Exercise does something for your psychological well-being."

The Heiner-led study administered the "Tennessee Self-Esteem Inventory" to 277 active and inactive people to find out how age, gender and exercise were correlated to personal, social and physical self-esteem. Active female seniors had the highest self-esteem of all groups studied.

The bolstering of one's self-esteem is one of many benefits derived from exercise. Medical studies have found that various forms of physical activity can improve the intake of oxygen, reduce risk factors, build stronger bones and improve balance.

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## Healthy self-esteem

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discovering these body-and-soul enhancers in significant numbers.

From 1987 to 1995, the number of commercial health club members ages 65 and older jumped from 140,000 to 1.3 million, according to a survey by the International Health, Racquet & Sportsclub Association.

A survey by the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association concluded that those 55 and older exercise at a greater rate than any age group.

"Exercise does something for you socially and mentally as well as physically," said Heiner. "You feel good about your body and good about what you are doing."

At the Huntsman World Senior Games in St. George, Utah, for example, athletes not only enjoy world-class competition and camaraderie, but also sweat their way toward improved self-esteem.

Self-esteem is among the topics that will be covered in seminars and clinics offered to participants at the 12th annual World Senior Games.

With more than 5,000 athletes representing all 50 states and more than 30 countries, these seminars give the participants an opportunity to socialize with a wide spectrum of their peers. Other topics of discussion include finances, fitness and even golf swings, along with several medical screenings.

The 22 athletic events, however, are still the main attraction at the games. This year's activities include: basketball, bowling, bridge, cycling, golf, horseshoes, mountain biking, racquetball, road races, softball, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track & field, triathlon, volleyball, square dancing and a half-marathon.

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**Meetings**

**Institute of Management Consultants** present an Oakland/Berkeley area breakfast for Consultants on Friday, April 21, 7:30 a.m. at the Autumn Moon Cafe, 3909 Grand Ave., Oakland. For information, contact Mike Smith at 272-9069.

**The El Cerrito Democratic Club** meets on Tuesday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury, across from El Cerrito High. Assemblywomen Dionne Aaronson will give an update on legislative issues. For questions call Rolf Weber at 524-8142.

**The American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE)** holds its annual meeting April 28-30 at UC Berkeley. The meeting includes lectures and presentations of academic papers. There is a concurrent exhibit at the Phoebe Hearst Museum, located in UC Berkeley's Kroeber Hall. The exhibit includes Egyptian artifacts from the Pre-Dynastic through the Coptic periods. Registration fees are \$85 at the door, \$75 for pre-registration, and \$35 for retirees. Call 527-9746 for additional information.

**Residential Street Sweeping Issues and Challenges**, a public hearing takes place on Thursday, May 4, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. Call Virginia Vafa, 665-3440 for additional information.

**The Kensington** 55-plus Activity Center, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington, meet weekly on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kensington Senior Center is sponsored by West Contra Costa Adult School and Arlington Community Church. For additional information, call 526-9146 or Virginia Walker, Teacher-Director, 547-1969.

**The YWCA** offers free orientations every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. of its Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The orientations outline the center's resources and the variety of workshops it offers to the public. For additional information, call 848-6370.

**The Berkeley Camera Club** meets every Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Participants share slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Call Wade for information, 531-8664.

**Speak Smart!** Join Beijing Express Toastmasters. The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

**Toastmasters Meeting** Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

**Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS)** meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-0490 for more information.

**Joy of Yiddish: Yiddish conversation** at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information. The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

**The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group** meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herck Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

**Toastmasters on Campus** meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegas. Details: 704-1822.

**Public speaking** skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegas Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

**Spirituality and Healing**, Voices of Healing Story Circles. Spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illness. Meets second Wednesday

of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information.

**State Health** Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

**Higher Alignment**, 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; (415) 461-5337; \$20.

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**Overeaters Anonymous**, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

**TOPS**; 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

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# Remarkable UC fencing instructor going strong at 93

You watch this 93-year-old man as he talks, eyes flashing, hands slashing through the air as they had always done as a fencer, and you can see him in his native Hungary, running, skiing, horseback riding, participating strongly in all the sports, but particularly in fencing.

Julius Palffy-Alpar was brought up in sports, he says, and that has remained his life. Although he started with running, it was fencing that brought him international attention. And it was fencing that ultimately brought him here, to the Bay Area, and to UC Berkeley.

The Kensington resident was born in Hunyad-Krysten, Transylvania, which at that time was part of Hungary.

"My father was a descendant of German settlers, and my mother was a member of the ancient Palffy family which gave many prominent noblemen to Hungary," he said.

After his schooling in Hungary and three years at Bekes-Csaba with the army, it was 1930, and there was a need for army sports instructors.

"Since I had placed second in the national interterritorial competition in the 400 and 500 meter runs and had ranked third academically in the officer's school, I felt that I could qualify for this profession. I entered the Toldi Milos Royal Hungarian Sports Institute and graduated at the top of my class. After three years as an assistant instructor I received my master's degree and diploma as maitre d'armes and sports instructor."

He speaks fondly of his years at the Sports Institute, where he studied almost all the known sports, won the individual ski championship for the army three times, was a member of the champion ski biathlon team for five years, was sent to Austria by the government for Alpine and glacier-climbing exercises, and, as a member of the modern pentathlon squad, participated in horseback riding, shooting, fencing, running and swimming competitions.

There followed a 10-year stint of teaching at the Ludovika Akademia (Hungarian Military Academy), earning the rank of captain professor. He was one of the coaches for the 1936 Olympic championship team, and in 1943 won the three-weapon championship for army fencing masters.

It was in 1945 that he became the sports manager for the top recreation center of the American Army in Europe. He and his wife, Eva, traveled with the American Army to several countries. He says he has lived in seven countries in his life, and enjoyed life the American way.

After a year teaching in Paris, he decided to cross the waters, Mamie Eisenhower who advised him to go to Canada, because the U.S. wouldn't be as likely to welcome him at that time. Thus it was that from 1949 to 1960 he was the maitre d'armes of the University of Toronto.

It was while teaching in Canada that he taught two very famous people to fence: Marcel Marceau, the mime, and Robert Goulet, the singer and Hollywood and Broadway star. Their friendship has remained firm since that time. In fact, it was Marceau who encouraged his interest in theatrical work, and it was then that he began teaching theatrical fencing. And it was to teach fencing that he was invited to Cal, where he taught fencing with the physical education department and then, as his interest in theatrical fencing became greater, became

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associated with the department of dramatic art.

I have copies of articles from local papers covering his work in theatrical fencing.

One speaks of a summer program by a team of UC professors, which coordinated lectures and performance in Renaissance the-

ater. Alpar taught fencing, movement and stage fights.

Alpar, in an interview, pointed out that in the movies, stunt men can be used, but on stage and in TV, actors must fight in person to make it look realistic. And in the theater the actors cannot wear the special protective garb, or even

fight with the same type of weapon.

"In the theater actors only give the impression that they are fighting. Actually they are coordinated partners. The fight is choreographed. They use ancient weapons, which can be very dangerous.

Julius Palffy-Alpar has written a book about his favorite sport.

"Sword And Masque" covers not only scientific teaching methods of fencing, but also the dramatic and historic aspects of the sport.

"The physical and psychological features are discussed from the modern views of individual development. Fencing is portrayed as an art that develops the graces of mind and body." And, since he included stories from the stage and

big events in history, the book is lively and readable. He has also written two novels, one of which, "The Peace Pipe," has been published.

Dashing must have been the word for the young Alpar. I have seen a picture of the young couple, and they make a very handsome pair, indeed. During our interview, Eva kept admonishing him, "Julius, you talk too much," and I laughingly reassured her that was why I was here, to hear him talk. They both delighted in showing me the pictures, certificates and awards that cover his career. They are only copies, because he offered his papers to the Bancroft Library at Cal, and they took everything. One of the awards was the Age of En-

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## Hyundai Accent is a high-value subcompact

### Keane on Wheel

By Tom Keane

Hyundai's Accent is an appealing, affordable subcompact that comes with guaranteed peace of mind. It looks small, but is much bigger than earlier Accents.

The body of the all-new Accent is longer and wider with a focus on more interior comfort and high content for its five passengers.

Accent's wheelbase is increased to 96.1 inches and the width is expanded to 65.7 inches, resulting in more head-, hip- and leg room.

The 2000 model is made more rigid with reinforced A and B pillars.

Engineers took advantage of the revised interior space to construct new, larger seats, featuring better lumbar support and upgraded upholstery fabrics. The seat cushions and seat backs are made with high-density foam pads, and the driver's seat has more adjustable options to accommodate owners of different sizes.

These two changes alone — longer wheelbase and better seats — have made a huge difference in the way this car rides.

I recall driving the 1995 Accent was like taking a ride on a child's electronic supermarket pony. The bouncy ride and the hard seats led to driver's fatigue.

This all-new Accent however, offers a smoother ride and firmer seating support.



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NEW HYUNDAI ACCENT has been redesigned for a smoother ride with firmer seating support.

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### Drive, She Said



By Denise McCluggage

## Marketers target youth—but also want older crowd

We motoring press types await with pens poised to hear what the marketing people will say about the car to which we are being introduced. The moment comes in the launch of nearly every vehicle.

After the technical and styling people have had their say, the marketing representative approaches the podium. Breaths are held. We are about to hear for which segment of the market this latest wheeled creation is meant.

Invariably the words come: "...for those with active lifestyles."

We exhale, comforted by familiarity. There are illustrations. Videos and stills of tireless smiles, as tireless limbs pump

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# 1933 Terraplane with 94 hp was impressive for its day

## Classic Classics

By Vern Parker

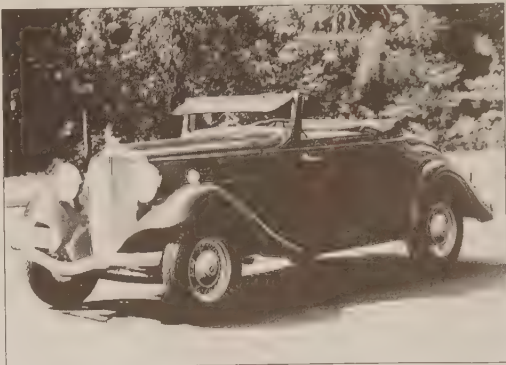
It was 1933 when a Terraplane standard eight sports roadster blazed up New Hampshire's Mount Washington in 13 minutes, 33 seconds with its gearshift lever locked in high gear. More than half a century later, Mike Kearney was still impressed by the performance capabilities of that roadster, so in 1997, decided to get one.

Kearney's search for the elusive 1933 Terraplane led him to Florida, California, and finally to New York. The New York owner didn't want to sell his pristine car that had been restored in 1984. A disappointed Kearney left his name and number and was surprised a few months later, in the spring of 1998, to receive a call saying the car could be bought. Kearney thought only five such models survived.

Kearney drove to Brockport, N.Y., and rented a car trailer. The burgundy car with black fenders and white pinstripes was purchased and loaded onto the trailer for the rainy trip back to Virginia.

"It rained all the way home," Kearney said, "but the car didn't leak."

After getting his prize home,



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COLLECTOR MIKE KEARNEY, a Terraplane fan if ever there was one, has gotten this '33 car up to 70 mph — and is sure it could go even faster.

Kearney carefully inspected what he had purchased from the chrome-plated griffin mascot hood ornament to the small door covering the gasoline cap at the left rear below the rumble seat. He also took note of the single left taillight along with the two rubber step plates on the right rear fender for access to the rumble seat.

At the other end of the Terra-

plane, enclosing the 244-cubic-inch, straight-eight cylinder, 94 horsepower engine is the hood with four ventilating doors on each side. A down-draft carburetor feeds fuel to the L-head engine.

This four-passenger vehicle rides on a 113-inch wheelbase with the battery under the rumble seat. Also tucked under the rumble seat is the

16-gallon gasoline tank. Four gallons of coolant keep the engine from overheating and seven quarts of oil keep it lubricated. The 6.00x16-inch tires are supported on the 36-spoke wire wheels.

A pair of headlights with 10-inch lenses nestle on each side of the grille. The headlights, in turn, are bracketed by fender-top parking lights.

Inside the car is a three-spoke steering wheel. Because the gauges are not illuminated, there is a pull-out light to make the gauges visible after dark. Day or night there are a pair of "idiot lights" on the dashboard that are unusual for a car of this vintage, but no more so than the absence of bumper guards.

The speedometer registers speeds up to 100 mph. "I have had it up to 70 mph," Kearney said, "and there was lots of pedal left. There's 80 mph in it if you want it."

Nine snaps hold the fabric top in place, if indeed, the top is ever raised. Kearney has no inclination to do so. The car is remarkably stable given its 18 1/4-inch center of gravity, a measurement missing from the nomenclature of most modern cars.

An automatic choke prepares the engine for starting whenever the dashboard starter button is pressed. The 29-vane grille is painted and the 29 separate pieces fan out from the

crank hole at the bottom.

The "suicide doors" are hinged at the rear, and on the inside of the passenger's door at the back of the window frame is a chrome-plated ring. That ring enables the driver to reach across the car, grab the ring and close the door, all from the driver's seat.

A cowl ventilator scoops air into the cockpit where both the hand brake and gearshift lever sprout from the floor.

When new, the sleek convertible sold for a base price of \$695, with company advertising boasting "The highest power per pound regardless of price."

## Drive

FROM PAGE D1

iron, canoe your everyday torrent, hang ten on the usual hurricane-augmented surf or ski out of a commonplace avalanche.

The more sedentary members of the target market are smiling, loading flats of bedding plants that a horticultural club could get into the ground in 10 days, or unloading tons of camping equipment along with tents that need pitching before sunset.

No wonder the car business seems so competitive. Every manufacturer of car, sport utility vehicle or pickup has drawn a bead on these same Lycra-clad, water-bottle-lugging 20- to 39-year-old live wires.

We look around. Could any among us qualify for these vehicles? Later, as we take off to drive these machines we laugh about it.

We ask ourselves, "Who is building a car for the tired, the lazy, the couch-ridden masses? Do not those with shopping carts laden with potato chips and six-packs also need wheels? What are they to drive? And how about the aging, the weak of limb, the weary of spirit?"

Perhaps it is simply the truism of automotive marketing at work: an old man will drive a young man's car, but a young man will not drive an old man's.

So the constant aim at the youthful, the active of lifestyle. Whether the actual purchasers may come from couch or ski slope, recliner or whitewater canoe, the image has to be of youth and vigor.

A simple leap of reason leads one to assume that if mountain bikes fit in the back, then a wheelchair will too. But reason, apparently, has little to do with any purchase beyond a sink stopper. If something is sold as cool, then cool is part of the pur-

When owners of a drive-away from years ago are day 1,000, the shadow of that fall over their has completed each time before replanning.

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chase.

Sometimes the market is so blue that those who will be interested in a Pontiac Aztek are young.

It is said to "test well" which means some enough to fit a graphic map of the about it at one point to what several years voted "the ugliest" vehicle year's Detroit motor show.

The Aztek is a kind of multipurpose vehicle, familiar active.

The Aztek roof is designed to fold down and mount when carried around in a pose. The odd-shaped exterior inexplicable openings here and there that the test-takers might relate to as parent-defying wing.

Beneath Aztek's peculiar, however, lies a hotbed of for storage, for multipurpose etc. This is not lost on the active world. These cool ideas appear for the most part in version of the Aztek, called Rendezvous. Tamed, the older (but still active) wise buyer.

A vehicle not aimed at the young has nonetheless young squarely and hard. Chrysler PT Cruiser, which so much strike a note withers as a major chord.

It gets thumbs up all chain from mere kids to school buses, to oldsters to active-lifestyle smiles and canines in appreciation as it.

The PT Cruiser is a cross between a sports car and another era and mixes it to tomorrow. Invent your own this one will match it.

## Keane

FROM PAGE D1

On a long highway test-drive of the Accent GL, I get no bounce, which often times comes through on a short wheelbase car.

The driver's seat offers reasonable support with no detectable road vibration transferring through the floor boards.

Keeping the driver's comfort in mind, Hyundai redesigned the instrument panel with a bright, highly readable gauge pod. The appearance of the gauges is clean on a crisp white background.

Cleaning information on speed, fuel, and rpms seems to be done with a little less effort than reading gauges against a black backdrop.

The climate controls are large, easy-to-adjust rotary knobs, and the audio system is conveniently lo-

cated above the ventilation control. Air conditioning is a \$750 option on the GS and GL models, but is not offered on the base L version.

The Accent is not endowed with a powerful engine. The 1.5-liter four-cylinder engine puts out just 92 horsepower at 5,500 rpm and 97 lb.-ft. of torque at 4,000 rpm.

The Accent GL with the automatic transmission achieves high numbers on fuel economy. It's rated at 26 mpg for city and 34 mpg for highway driving. I was able to do better than 230 city and highway miles on a single tank of gas.

The engineers refined the engine and transmission for the all-new model. There is less engine noise and vibration on the Accent.

The five-speed manual transmission has revised gear ratios for smooth shifting, and the optional four-speed electronic automatic transmission has adaptive logic, reducing gear "hunting."

The exterior style of the Accent is a complete departure from the rounded, smooth curves of previous models. The 2000 sedan is linear with straight, bold, sporty edges.

The sloping hood and steeply raked windshield provide better aerodynamics and visibility. The rear end is squared with a prominent trunk line running across the edge.

Accent's distinctive new look is also defined with a bold, aggressive looking grille. The halogen headlights are larger so that they can project a wider, longer beam for better nighttime driving.

Peace-of-mind comes from a guarantee that Hyundai calls "America's Best Warranty," which includes, among other things, limited bumper-to-bumper coverage for five years or 60,000 miles.

With a model range starting price of just \$8,999, the Accent is a very affordable car with a whole lot of appeal.

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## It's important to understand what car's warning lights mean

By Mary Jackson

One of the things that makes people really uncomfortable is dealing with those pesky dash light warnings when they come on. If you don't know what the lights mean, it's hard to know what to do if one does go on.

Not all manufacturers use the same symbols or words, so you have to read the owner's manual to know what your dash lights or gauges mean. There are, however, three basic responses if a light should go on. By knowing what they are, you may be able to turn a potentially major problem into a mere inconvenience.

First, when you turn on your vehicle all the dash lights should go on briefly then go out immediately. After that, should a light go on and stay on for more than a few seconds, there are three basic responses: (1) stop the car as soon as you can safely, (2) keep driving and try to get to a service station as soon as possible, but don't turn the car off, or (3) keep driving and have the problem checked out by a professional soon — not immediately, but soon.

Let's talk about one dash light that causes a lot of confusion — the alternator light. Your vehicle uses electricity to burn the gasoline that powers the car, as well as to supply power to a bewildering variety of electrical and electronic goodies.

The battery is the heart of the electrical system, but it doesn't make electricity, it only stores a small amount to start the engine and to power the accessories when the engine isn't running. It's like a clothes closet for electricity. Instead of designer jeans, however, this closet stores about 12 volts of electrical current. Once the engine is running, it is the job of the alternator (an electrical motor), to make electricity. As soon as the engine starts, it takes over as the power source and also replaces the electricity used up by the heavy demands of the start.

This system works on the same principle as your checking account. If you only withdraw and never deposit money, eventually the account will show an embarrassing zero balance. Since the battery uses up most of its stored supply of energy to start the car, it needs a deposit to cover the withdrawal. The alternator deposits electricity into the battery's account while the car is running, so that the account is always balanced and

ready to start your car.

An activated alternator light or gauge means more electricity is being used up than is being replaced. The good news is it's probably not fatal, just massively inconvenient. So what do you do if the alternator light comes on? The rule is to keep driving until you reach a service station.

Turn off as many electricity-draining accessories as you safely can. The hardest thing the electrical system has to do is start the car, so don't turn the engine off unless it's absolutely necessary. However — and this is a big however — if a temperature light comes on at the same time the alternator light is on (or simply by itself), stop the car as soon as you can. The same belt that drives the alternator often drives the water pump. If the water pump stops, the engine will overheat. The result will be major damage.

The problem could be something as simple as a slipping alternator belt, or it could be a faulty alternator, voltage regulator, or worn out battery. Whatever it is, knowing how to respond appropriately just might keep you out of the breakdown lane and in the fast lane.

### ■ Brake system light

Get your car slowly and safely off the road. Have it checked by a professional immediately. Check to make sure you have fully released the parking brake.

### ■ Anti-lock brake system light

Have the system serviced by your dealership as soon as possible. Your regular brakes should still function, unless the brake warning light is also lit.

### ■ Check engine light

Have it checked by a professional at your earliest convenience. Your computer has detected an emission controls problem. Check that the fuel cap is secure.

### ■ Engine oil light

Get the car off the road as soon as possible. Check the engine oil dipstick. Do not continue to drive it or severe damage could result.

### ■ Engine coolant temperature

Drive the car off the road as soon as possible. Do not continue to operate the vehicle or there could be serious engine damage from overheating.

Have systems checked by your dealer as soon as possible when coolant or airbag lights go on.

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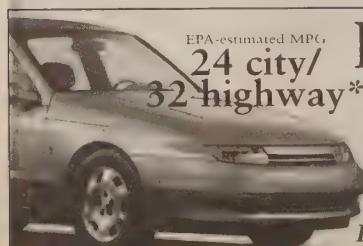
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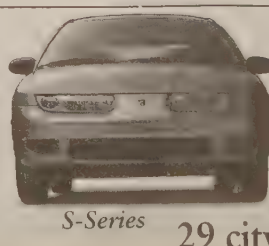
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## Truck drive systems vary

By Christopher Keane

Used to be that four-wheel drive was called four-wheel drive. It described only one system — and buying an SUV was never

there is Insta-Trac, Autotrac, Command-Trac, Quadra-Trac, Active Trac and a bevy of other names. The wide variety of sport vehicles and SUV hybrids brings an almost endless variety of 4WD labels. A virtual

landmark to the average buyer. Unfortunately, all these systems sort into categories: part-time 4WD, full-time 4WD, and a combination of part-time and full-time 4WD. Each has its own strengths and weaknesses. Knowing the differences will help you to wade through the confusion of marketer's labels.

Part-time 4WD is the simplest, oldest, and the least expensive. It has definitely proved the test of time. The front and rear axles have differentials that lock so power can be sent to all four wheels, and provide the extra grip for off-road chores. With "shift-on-the-fly" technology, the driver can shift between 2WD and 4WD at any time.

Full-time 4WD offers four-wheel drive whenever you need it, on or off pavement. While normally operating in 2WD

mode, a center coupling between the front and rear axles can be engaged to transfer power automatically to the wheels with the best traction.

This provides 4WD capability while driving on poor road conditions. In addition, locking differentials and a two-speed transfer case provides the low gear torque needed for heavy-duty towing or extreme rock crawling.

Although more expensive than part-time 4WD, the full-time 4WD system creates an excellent multipurpose SUV. These systems are found in all-around family SUVs like Chevy Suburban, Ford Expedition, GMC Yukon, Isuzu Trooper, Jeep Grand Cherokee, and Mitsubishi Montero.

All-wheel drive uses a permanently engaged center coupling to drive all four wheels, all the time. Conveniently transparent, AWD engages automatically — there are no buttons and no fuss. When a tire begins to slip, the system transfers power to the wheels with the best traction. Because AWD models lack the low gearing needed for heavy-duty off-roading, these models are less expensive than true off-road SUVs. But they are great choices for drivers who need to get around in snowy or rainy weather, and only drive off-road on moderate trails. The Lexus RX300, Oldsmobile Bravada, and Subaru Forester are top models in the AWD category.

Permanent 4WD combines the advantages of both all-wheel drive and full-time 4WD for a truly elite off-road vehicle. Around town, these SUVs work in continually transparent all-wheel drive mode to give traction control on any surface. Off-road, low gearing can be used to tackle even the most daunting obstacles.

The disadvantage of these SUVs? Expense. The Mercedes M-Class, models by Land Rover, the Lexus LX470 and the Toyota Land Cruiser all include hefty price tags. But for the best all-around, go-anywhere vehicles, these SUVs won't be topped.

Understanding the four basic 4WD systems will guide you past the SUV marketing labels — and help you choose the best sport utility vehicle for your driving needs.

## PT Cruiser: avant-garde styling with retro focus

By Jill Amadio

The oddly-styled and beautifully-sculpted sedan-cum-wagon-cum-sport utility vehicle Chrysler 2001 PT Cruiser is about to knock the socks off Volkswagen's strangely-shaped New Beetle and Audi's TT Roadster for The Most Surprising Styling honors.

Predictions are the Cruiser will match Volkswagen's lovebug million for million in sales, particularly considering the price for the Cruiser's base model is just \$16,000. If owners are prepared to handle raised-eyebrow reactions at a vehicle that evokes the romance of the 1930s, they'll head for Chrysler showrooms in droves.

What is this wild concoction? Even Chrysler can't give you a straight answer. They call it a duffle bag because you can stuff all sorts of things into it, from people to plants, but that doesn't do justice to its provocative characteristics.

The designers targeted active lifestyles and passionate adventurers who need lots of space yet don't like to be lumped with the minivan crowd, or who feel that SUVs have become far too common.

At the same time, Chrysler wanted something youthful, charismatic and a little bit shocking.

"We blended contemporary and nostalgic cues and harkened back to an age of substance and quality while at the same time producing a daring design," said Bryan Nesbitt, the PT Cruiser's exterior designer.

"It's even created a love-hate, reaction, but no one who's seen it looks away."

The company claims that their styling direction for the PT Cruiser was not retro, but a combination of the familiar and the future. Well, grandma and grandpa will find it just as appealing for its 1930s look as for its removable back seat that can be wheeled into their garden and sat upon. Not quite a rumble seat, but far more useful.

Although this vehicle appears to be a mix of minivan, SUV and sedan, it really resembles a London taxicab, those tall, ungainly though tremendously comfortable old black



ART DECO STYLING, a well-designed and roomy interior are among the features that Chrysler is counting on to sell hordes of its new PT Cruiser.

Austins that allowed you to climb into the cab practically standing up.

The Cruiser is not, of course, high enough for that feat, but at 63 inches it's merely an inch shorter than a Jeep Cherokee and 7 inches taller than a Mercedes-Benz C-Class sedan, providing plenty of space for every kind of lifestyle from corporate junkies to country weddings.

PT stands for "Personal Transportation" and Chrysler believes the Cruiser can satisfy almost every transportation need.

It's difficult to know where to start extolling the grand design of the PT Cruiser. From some angles its stately roofline, Art Deco-inspired grille with that era's popular horizontal bars, along with elliptical front and rear lights, personify elegance.

Then you reach the back end and, with the liftgate up and the car's unique picnic table slotted into place, you're ready for beer and hotdogs.

The front-wheel drive Cruiser has a slightly bulldog-like stance emphasized by a forward-leaning body style and higher back

end that allows for stadium rear seats. The front fenders deserve an award for artful fluidity and the doorsills are fluted carvings. Will we see this in the Louvre alongside the original design award-winning Range Rover?

The Cruiser is such a curiosity, almost off-the-wall, it would be easy to assume the designers had put all their efforts into the exterior styling. Not so. The passenger compartment just as delightfully recalls 1930s signature circular simplicity.

Recessed and round retro-styled gauges and dash panels match the exterior paint, along with beautifully sculpted chrome door handles (push-button style on the outside). On the manual model, the cable-operated shifter is an old-fashioned cue ball knob on a tall, slim stalk.

Whether the weird-looking four-door, five-passenger Cruiser built in Toluca, Mexico is a marketer's dream is really a moot point.

This car will sell itself, whether buyers are looking for a sedan, a station wagon, a sport utility vehicle, or a taxicab. Fortunately, the avant-garde PT Cruiser combines all four.

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## Audi TT Roadster offers speedy acceleration and lots of safety

By Marion Wechter

NORTH AMERICAN AUTO WRITERS SYNDICATE

PHOENIX — Audi is on the move and has the new 2001 TT Roadster to prove it. While continuing in the tradition of high performance plus a design which could be described as curvaceous, the two have been blended into a power package.

The Roadster is available with either a 180- or 225-horsepower 1.8-liter, 4-cylinder turbocharged five-valve engine. The 225-horsepower engine will also be available in the TT Coupe that made its debut last year, and has proven itself with record sales. Impressive figures in acceleration and torque suggest the roadster is no slacker.

The front-wheel drive version cranks out 0 to 60 miles per hour in 8.0 seconds and has a top speed of 130 miles per hour. The 225-horsepower version with standard Quattro all-wheel drive does 0-60 in 6.7 seconds and its top speed is 143 miles per hour. Maximum torque of 207 lbs. ft. evolves between figures of 2,200 and 5,500 rpm for the 225-horsepower engine, while 173 lbs. ft. of torque runs between 1,950 and 4,700 rpm with the 180-hp engine.

A ride-drive through some of the winding back roads of Phoenix resulted in an awesome display of power. The 225-hp Roadster reared up and galloped along the freeway. No time to collect your thoughts, it was a full on out of body experience.

Acceleration was effortless with no heavy feeling of push when traversing tight corners. One should never be afraid to gear up or down in the TT. It can handle the changes effortlessly.

A five-speed manual gear box is available in the 180-hp front-wheel-drive engine Roadster, and a six-speed manual gearbox engine for the 225-hp quattro.

Many features dealing with safety have been thought out for the convertible. There are two aluminum roll-bars which are designed to blend in with the body design.

To sustain a torsional rigid body structure there are reinforced side protection bars in the doors. Also crumple zones front and rear with thicker metals in the sill area, are designed with driver and passenger safety in mind.

Other safety equipment includes airbags for driver and passenger with a side airbag system in the seat backs. This is designed to protect the head and thorax.

Standard equipment includes anti-lock braking system (ABS), electronic differential lock and electronic stability control available in models pro-

## A drive through the winding back roads of Phoenix resulted in an awesome display of power.

duced beginning in May. Front ventilated disc brakes with all-speed traction control are found on the front-wheel drive model. The 225-hp Roadster Quattro has them front and rear.

A six-speed manual transmission with synchronized reverse gear is standard on the 225-hp Roadster, and a five speed manual also with synchronized reverse is standard on the 180 hp model.

The TT Roadster wardrobe has all bases covered in the interior. High grade leather seats with "Baseball Glove" stitching in amber red. These seats can be adjusted manually to individual height.

A sensor sounds the alarm if any intruder attempts to touch anything on the inside. The attractive dashboard instrument selection has matte aluminum outlines. The three-spoke steering wheel has a firm comfortable grip. While room is at a premium in a smaller cockpit area, Audi has made full use of it.

A new exterior color available is called Nimbus Gray, which has a pearlized look. Some of the other color choices are Raven Black pearl, Desert Green, or Amulet Red.

I must confess it does get noisy with the top down, and unless you glue your hair down when going at high speed, you are going to lose all or part of it. When one buys a convertible that's the fun of it. Don't expect any intelligent conversation in dulcet tones because you'll be saying "what was that?"

You can always put the top up! An electrically retractable glass windbreak cuts out some of the wind noise. It's shape follows the design of the roll bars. The soft top is operated in a one-step operation. It comes with a tonneau cover which can be stowed in the trunk.

The Bose AM/FM stereo cassette radio with a system that adjusts volume based on vehicle speed, and CD changer pre-wiring are part of the instrumentation. The 120-Watt sound system has four speakers in the doors with two 2-way rear speakers.

A center speaker is in the dashboard.

These seven speakers are in the Coupe version. Eight speakers were placed in the roadster. Considering the lack of space it was a work of art for Bose engineers.

Base price of 180 hp roadster is \$33,200 and the 225 hp Quattro goes for \$38,900. Dressed or undressed the Audi TT roadster is a stand-out. I don't want to call it cute. It's cheeky in appearance, smaller in stature, but it has the goods to take out or on most of the competition.

By G. Chamber Williams III

N.Y. TIMES NEWS SERVICE

GENEVA — For a Texan, one thing stood out quite prominently at the recent Geneva Motor Show, one of the world's premier annual automotive events: Pickups were few and far between. In fact, on the highways of Switzerland — and the rest of Europe, for that matter — pickups are rare. Perhaps it's all the foggy, rainy days, as anything in the pickup's bed would be subjected to the elements.

But this European disdain for the pickup is due to more than just the weather. A look through the seven exhibit halls at Palexpo, the Geneva convention center that is home to the motor show, gave the visitor a keen sense of the practicality of European consumers.

Cars, very little cars, ruled the showroom floor. Cars that get upwards of 40 mpg, something vital to consumers on a continent where gasoline sells for an average of \$5 per gallon.

Highways and city streets are quite narrow throughout much of Europe, too, which makes driving a large vehicle quite a challenge.

Sure, Europeans do buy the occasional big sport-utility, such as a Range Rover, Toyota Land Cruiser or Jeep Grand Cherokee.

But the people who drive those vehicles are among the continent's most affluent, and they can afford to fill those huge tanks.

Most Europeans drive tiny little cars that we'll probably never see in the United States, and particularly in Texas, where we always think BIG in everything, especially cars and hairdos.

Two of the cutest or ugliest cars (that depends

By Arnold Wechter

NORTH AMERICAN AUTO WRITERS SYNDICATE

Sport-utility lovers may complain bitterly about the high price of gasoline — but they are not about to give up their favorite form of transportation. And automakers, both domestic and import, are gearing up to supply their wants.

General Motors is leading the parade with plans to build trucks, trucks and more trucks. The imports, long intimidated by the Big Three's dominance of the hugely profitable market chunk, are preparing to introduce their own fleets of gas-guzzling trucks and SUVs.

Industry analyst AutoPacific estimates that about 20 new SUVs will be introduced over the next five years, making the segment one of the most competitive in the industry. This comes even though truck-sales growth has slowed now that pickups, SUVs, minivans and other trucks account for about half of all the vehicles sold annually in the U.S.

"We expect trucks to continue to expand their reach. They are core to our strategy," claims Paul Ballew, GM's chief market analyst.

Recently GM confirmed that as part of its truck expansion strategy it will spend more than \$700 million to convert its Oklahoma City car-assembly factory to build a new line of mid-sized trucks, including the upcoming new Chevy Blazer and its siblings.

Why are automakers continuing to stampede to build more trucks and SUVs? The answer is simple — PROFIT. Profit margins on big SUVs such as the Lincoln Navigator run as high as \$19,000 a unit, more than the entire sticker price of many small cars.

Officials for the various automakers concede the profit margins are likely to be squeezed as new players join the market segment, but they hope sharing key components across models will bring costs down.

The mid-sized SUV market is already the scene of rampant discounting, where dozens of models compete for buyers. The entry of competition in the full-size truck segment has started the practice of rebates — something that never happened before.

General Motors, caught short when consumers fell in love with trucks and SUVs in the early and mid-90s, is determined it won't happen again. It is planning to boost capacity for SUVs and pickups by 20 percent to 1.7 million units in 2001.

It also plans to introduce more than 209 big-truck models over the next 2-1/2 years.

The imports aren't kidding about playing a large role in building SUVs and trucks. Don Esmond, head of Toyota Motor Corp.'s U.S. sales unit, recently told reporters:

## On European roadways, small is still beautiful

Few of these mini vehicles will

be for sale in the U.S. however, where BIG, as in SUV, rules.

on the individual's point of view, and there seems to be no in-between) at this year's Geneva show, held last month, were the Fiat Ecobasic and the Mercedes-Benz Smart.

These are the tiniest of econoboxes, smaller even than the British Mini Cooper, designed for city driving and the most minimum use of precious fuel. They come with just two seats, small engines and fuel-economy ratings that have them barely sipping gasoline or diesel fuel.

Most automakers who sell vehicles in Europe have developed cars in this segment — even Mercedes-Benz, whose A-class minicar sells for under \$20,000 and is a big hit among Continental consumers.

Mercedes has no plans to sell the A-class in the United States, however, and it's not just because Americans generally eschew such small vehicles.

No, the main reason we won't see an A-class sold at U.S. Mercedes-Benz dealerships is because it's not expensive enough.

Mercedes officials don't believe that a cheap, mass-market vehicle such as the A-class would be a good mix with its line of luxury cars.

BMW does plan to introduce a minicar to the U.S. market next year in the form of the next-generation Mini, developed while BMW owned

"For Toyota, this will be the year of the new truck. Toyota plans to fill nearly every niche in the truck market with Toyota or Lexus luxury models in the truck and a half, according to Esmond."

Toyota already has announced plans to spend \$1 billion to expand a car plant in Canada to make and sell Lexus RX300 SUVs, currently imported from Japan.

Last year after several false starts, Toyota stepped up, Honda Motor Co.'s Acura truck division introduced its own large SUV. Nissan is planning a full-size pickup and an SUV within a few months.

Ford and Chrysler are not taking this strong GM plans to keep ahead of the competition by introducing more models with features not offered by other automakers. A combination of SUV and pickup with a complicated folding gate between the cabin and the back will be sold early next year by Chevrolet, called the Avalanche.

Ford believes the opposition should be taken with a chest about how much full-size truck capacity is adding. George Pipas, a market analyst for Ford, "In our view, the time to be very aggressive about was a about half a dozen years ago, and we were not."

Popularity of trucks and SUVs has allowed the score record profits over the last few years.

In an effort to draw additional buyers, automakers are providing their work-truck designs with wood trim and family-friendly features. These include fold-down video screens for back-seat occupants.

GM has announced plans to build a six-door version of its popular full-size Suburban SUV. The move will allow children to slip into the last row of seats without climbing over occupants.

Another offering for the future is four-wheel drive on full-size trucks and SUVs. This, of course, cuts the turning radius down to that of a compact.

Also Chevrolet is reportedly building a truck that will have the appearance of a car, much like its El Camaro of the 1970s.

Should the public become disenchanted with the because of gasoline price increases, Ford is developing a gas-and-electric-powered SUV, while General Motors is working on reintroducing a modernized eight-six-four engine that bombed years ago.

Britain's Rover Group, which builds the Cooper.

What sales channel BMW will use for its new cars is not clear, but one thing is: It won't be traditional BMW dealerships, whose sales are similar to that of Mercedes-Benz.

Small sport-utility vehicles were a big hit in Geneva this year, because while Europeans generally can't afford or don't want the hassle of driving huge SUVs, they still like the concept of sport-utility.

Toyota showed off its second-generation mini-SUV, Ford introduced its Escape, and India's No. 1 automaker, displayed its \$10,900-horsepower model about the size of a cape (which goes on sale later this year for Ford dealerships).

Small vans and panel trucks are huge in Europe, and almost every mass-market automaker has two or three in its lineup. The vehicles were prominent throughout the Paris auto show.

Among them were the Renault Kangoo and the Toyota Yaris.

To Americans, these are quite odd-looking vehicles, but their body styles are popular in Europe.

This type of car is the European's idea of a utility vehicle, because it can be used to haul people or cargo, and the cargo is inside, protected from the elements.

The closest we've seen to these tiny cars in the United States have been vehicles such as the 1980s Toyota Tercel four-wheel-drive and Mitsubishi Expo and the Dodge Colt.

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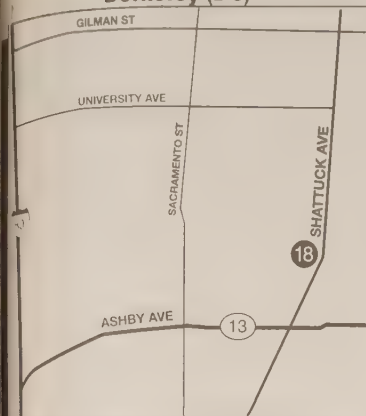
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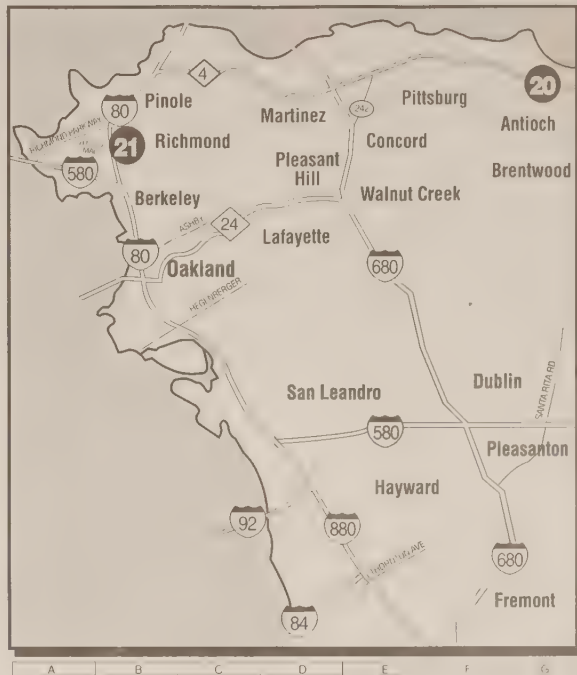
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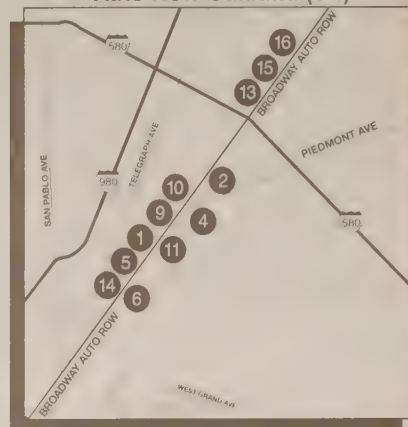
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NISSAN '97 200SX, ps, air, pw, pl, m/rtr, sharp, #513095 \$9,998 Exp. 4/21

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NISSAN '97 200SX 34K, PW, PL, Spoiler, etc. #503432 \$10,995

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NISSAN '96 Maxima, blk, ldr pwr, excel. cond. gray \$10,900obo (925) 687-1902

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NISSAN '89 240 SX red, 5 spd, solid, runs excel, beaut. car, smogged, 102K \$3600 OBO must sell immrd \$10-949-0211 Mr. Spencer

NISSAN '89 240 SX, A/T, electronic dash, pw, PL, \$3500, Ben 925-427-9121

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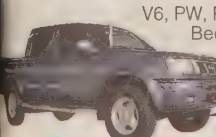


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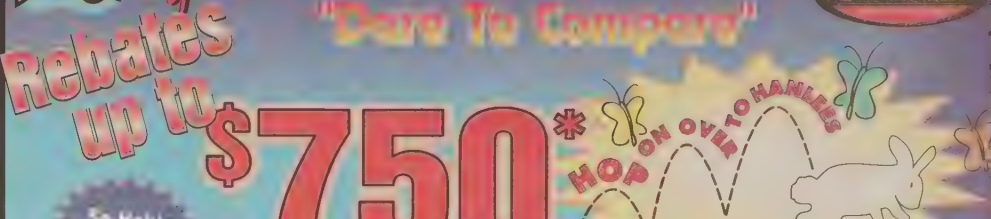
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**1.9% APR UP TO 24 MOS.**

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**\$11,995**

Sale Price \$13,445  
 MFG Rebate -750  
 College Grad Rebate -400  
 Comm Rebate -300  
**NET PRICE \$11,995**

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**0 CASH OUT OF POCKET**

Lease For Only **\$389** per mo. Plus Tax

60 mo. Lease. Drive off incl \$500 MFG Rebate + \$400 College Grad Rebate. 0 cash out of pocket. Option to purchase \$15,429.40. 1.9% per year. 15cent per mi. excess mile. Charge on Approval of credit. #154008 one at this price.

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 Factory rebate -1000  
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MSRP \$18,675  
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 College Grad rebate -400  
**NET PRICE \$14,675**

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**\$14,495**



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 Factory rebate -1000  
 College Grad rebate -400  
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**PLUS 0% APR for 36 mos.**  
**PLUS 0 Payments for 90 Days**

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AC, CD, Power Windows & Locks, More



**\$11,288**

179

**\$0 Down**  
**PLUS 0% APR for 36 mos.**  
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\*48 Mo. Lease with 47 payments of \$179/mo. • Tax after \$985 drive off. Residual = \$5181 based on 12k miles. #010178, #010179, #010180

#### 2000 Galant

Automatic, AC, CD, PW, PL & More



**\$15,888**

219

**\$0 Down**  
**PLUS 0% APR for 36 mos.**  
**PLUS 0 Payments for 90 Days**

\*48 Mo. Lease with 47 payments of \$219/mo. • Tax after \$985 drive off. Residual = \$8748 based on 12k miles. #010181, #010182, #010183

#### 2000 Eclipse

Automatic, AC, CD, PW, PL & More



**\$16,288**

229

**\$0 Down**  
**PLUS 0% APR for 36 mos.**  
**PLUS 0 Payments for 90 Days**

\*48 Mo. Lease with 47 payments of \$229/mo. • Tax after \$985 drive off. Residual = \$9702 based on 12k miles. #010184, #010185, #010186

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Automatic, V6, AC, CD, Pwr Windows & Locks & More



**\$20,288**

274

**\$0 Down**  
**PLUS 0% APR for 36 mos.**  
**PLUS 0 Payments for 90 Days**

\*48 Mo. Lease with 47 payments of \$274/mo. • Tax after \$985 drive off. Residual = \$12,883 based on 12k miles. #010187, #010188, #010189

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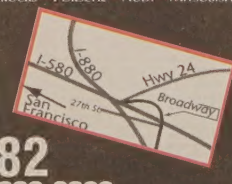
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